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ROLL OF HONOUR.

IN MEMORIAM.

TURNER—Lost on H.M.S. Aragon, torpedoed in the Eastern Mediterranean, December 30, 1917, Corporal Alan Norman, R.I. Regiment, the dearly-loved youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Tyrie Turner, Carrick-on-Suir, aged 19 years and 2 months.

Not gone from memory, not gone from love,
But gone to his Father's home above.

BIRTHS.

NUNNS—December 2, 1921, in Cumberland, Vancouver Island, to Alan Russell and Elizabeth Nunns, a daughter.

ROBERTSON—December 10, 1921, at Winnipeg, Canada, the wife of R. G. Robertson (née Gladys Thompson), 3 Clarinda Park, W., Kingstown, a daughter (stillborn).

MARRIAGES.

CARTER and GARLAND—December 27, 1921, at St. Michael's Church, Kingstown, by Rev. F. A. Gleeson, C.C., James Thornton Carter, of Preston, to Mabel, daughter of late Mr. Richard Garland, J.P., Irish Land Commission, formerly of Dromalane House, Co. Armagh, and of Mrs. Garland, 70 Lower Leeson st., Dublin.

CRIPPS and DICKINSON—December 29, 1921, at the Church of SS. Philip and James, Booterstown, by the Very Rev. Dean of Christ Church Cathedral and the Rev. T. Arnold Harvey, Vicar, Captain Bertram U. S. Cripps, M.C., 2nd Battalion Welch Regiment, to Betty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickinson, of Ashurst, Blackrock.

GREENE and BUTLER—December 29, 1921, at St. Andrew's, Westland Row, Dublin, by the Rev. R. Gaul, C.C., Ferns, George E. J. Greene, Ferns, Co. Wexford, son of the late Joseph J. Greene, M.A., Barrister-at-Law, Dublin, and grandson of the late John Greene, D.L., Mount Anna, Co. Wexford, to Martha, youngest daughter of James Butler, Wexford, and grand-daughter of the late Honourable John Netterville.

TUCKER and SMYTH—December 20, 1921, at Newcastle Church, by the Rev. M. J. Palmer, Edward Arthur Tucker, Royal Air Force, youngest son of the late Herbert James Tucker and Emily J. Tucker, of Ardilea, Greystones, to Helena Louisa Smyth, youngest daughter of William Joseph Smyth and the late Lilian Smyth, of Newcastle, Co. Wicklow.

SILVER WEDDING.

STEWART and WOOD—December 30, 1896, at Fitzroy av. Presbyterian Church, Belfast, by the Rev. Henry Montgomery, Alexander Stewart, of Clenmaghery, Co. Down, to Edith, sixth daughter of Robert Wood, Esq., of Bolton, Lancashire. Present address—Malakoff House, 185 Rathgar rd., Dublin.

DEATHS.

BUCHANAN—December 29, 1921, at her residence, 92 Pembroke rd., Dublin, Matilda, eldest daughter of the late George Buchanan, Strabane, Co. Tyrone. Funeral private. No flowers.

CHAMBERS—On Christmas Day, 1921, at Billis, Virginia, Co. Cavan, Robert Chambers, aged 78 years.

COLE—December 29, 1921, at the Rectory, Portarlington, Rev. Canon John Francis Cole, in his 71st year, for 37 years Rector of Portarlington. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday) morning, at 11 o'clock, to St. Paul's Church, Portarlington. No flowers.

CONNICK—December 28, 1921, at his residence, Quay st., Dundalk, Thomas Connick, Secretary Dundalk Harbour Commissioners. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral to Castletown to-day (Friday) at 2 p.m.

COOK—On Tuesday, December 27, 1921, at 27 Longford tce., Monkstown, Hubert Guy, Commissioner of Irish Lights. Funeral will leave above address to-day (Friday), 30th inst., at 10.30 a.m., for Dean's Grange Cemetery.

CROZIER—December 29, 1921, at 33 Ranelagh rd., James Crozier, aged 64 years. "Peace, perfect peace." Funeral private.

de ROS—December 28, 1921, in London, Mary Geraldine, widow of Dudley, 24th Baron de Ros, K.P., and daughter of Rev. Sir William Vesey Ross Mahon, Bart.

DOYLE—December 28, 1921, at Elmmount, Malahide rd., James C. Doyle, son of the late Thomas Doyle, Spitalfields. R.I.P. Funeral (private), after 9 o'clock Requiem Mass in the Church of the Visitation, Fairview, to-morrow (Saturday) morning, to Glasnevin.

HARRIS—December 27, 1921, at London, Alderman Ernest Wormser Harris, J.P., son of the late Lewis Harris, of this city.

HOOPER—December 28, 1921, at Auburn Villa, Kingstown, Jane B., widow of the late William Hooper. Funeral, 11.30, for Dean's Grange.

JAMES—December 28, 1921, at 31 South Frederick st., William Thomas James, aged 59. "Rock of Ages, cleft for me." Funeral arriving Mount Jerome to-morrow (Saturday) morning 9.30.

KNOX—At Inveraray, Killiney, after a long illness, Colonel Charles Howe Knox, D.L., of Creagh, Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo, late 8th Royal Irish Hussars, aged 81 years. Funeral (private) from Creagh to-morrow (Saturday) morning at 11.30. No flowers, by request.

MacSWINEY—December 28, 1921, at his residence, 44 Belgrave square, Rathmines, Charles MacSwiney, late Manager National Bank, Dunmore. R.I.P. Funeral private. Australian papers please copy.

MAHARRY—Henry Maharry, Barneygole, Edgeworthstown, aged 84. Deeply regretted. Funeral, 12 o'clock, to-morrow (Saturday) to Ardagh.

O'NEILL—December 29, 1921, at her daughter's residence, Earl st., Dundalk, Faithful, widow of the late John O'Neill, Forkhill, in her 85th year. Funeral from Earl st. to family burying ground, Ballymascanlan, to-morrow (Saturday) at 2 o'clock.

PARKINSON—December 29, 1921, at her residence, 1 Newtown av., Blackrock, Sara Elizabeth, widow of the late Robert Parkinson, Chief Clerk, Accountant's Office, G.P.O. Funeral private.

PLANT—At her residence, 3a Lauderdale tce., Dublin, Ellen, widow of the late James Plant. Funeral (private) to Mount Jerome. No flowers.

RADCLIFF—December 29, 1921, at her residence, 21 Iona rd., Glasnevin, Miss Susan Radcliff, in her 96th year, only daughter of late Rev. Stephen Radcliff.

RHODES—December 27, 1921, at 10 London st., Calcutta, Eleanor Wemyss, beloved wife of Campbell Ward Rhodes, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Reid, 26 Crosthwaite Park, Kingstown, Co. Dublin.

ROYCROFT—December 4, 1921, at her late residence, 1036 Haro st., Vancouver, B.C., Mary Thode Roycroft, second daughter of the late William and Emily Roycroft, Ranesfort, Co. Roscommon.

IMPORTANT—As Announcements for this column, if posted on Saturday, cannot reach this office in time for Monday's paper, they should be sent by telegram.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. Waters, of 13 Spencer Villas, Glenageary, and **Mr. and Mrs. Finlay**, Edinburgh, desire to return their sincere thanks to all who sent messages of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement, and trust they will accept this grateful acknowledgment.

IN MEMORIAM.

DALY—In ever-loving memory of Marianna Daly, who died 30th December, 1916, at Hazelbrook, Terenure.—Emily Vivian.

DALY—In loving memory of mother, who died at Hazelbrook, December 30th, 1916. "Gone, but not forgotten."—Bernard, Agnes, Daphne.

DUDGEON—In loving memory of James Dudgeon, who died on the 30th of December, 1917. "Peace, perfect peace." Inserted by his wife and children.

SHEERAN—In loving memory of Margaret Philomena Sheeran, who departed this life 30th December, 1920. Sweet Jesus, have mercy on her soul. R.I.P.

We have to mourn the loss of one
We did our best to save;
Beloved on earth, regretted still,
Remembered in the grave.

Inserted by her parents, brothers, and sisters.

SINNOTT—Second Anniversary—In loving memory of Tommie Sinnott, The Hotel, Carnew, who died December 30th, 1919, aged 4½ years. Ever remembered by his sorrowing parents.

Farewell, our darling Tommie,
'Twas hard so young to die;
So fair, so sweet, so loving,
Our dearest child, good-bye.

SMITHE—In loving memory of our dear sister, Maude, eldest daughter of the late Fletcher and Mrs. Smithe, St. Elmo, Blackrock, who entered into rest at Leeds December 30, 1920. "With Christ, which is far better."

THYNNE—Fourteenth Anniversary—In ever-loving memory of Robert Thynne, B.A. "God giveth His beloved sleep."

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this Column will be found on Page 4.

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TULLAMORE—The "Irish Times," the "Weekly Irish Times," and the "Irish Field" can be had immediately after the arrival of the trains from Mr. M. F. Gorry, Harbour street.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of
SIR JAMES JOHN DIGGES LA TOUCHE, late of 53 Raglan road, in the County of Dublin, Knight Commander of the Star of India, Deceased.

Take Notice that pursuant the 22nd and 23rd Victoria, cap. 35, all persons claiming to be creditors or otherwise to have any claim or demand against the assets of the said Sir James John Diggs La Touche, deceased, who died on the 5th day of October, 1921, are hereby required on or before the 1st day of February, 1922, to furnish (in writing) the particulars of such claims or demands to the undersigned Solicitors for Julia Lady Digges La Touche, of 53 Raglan road, aforesaid Widow, the sole Executrix of the Will of the said Deceased, and to whom Probate of the said Will was granted on the 16th day of November, 1921, forth of the Principal Registry of the High Court of Justice, in Southern Ireland, King's Bench Division (Probate), and in default thereof, the said Executrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Testator, having regard only to the claims of which notice and particulars shall have been given as above required.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 1921.

T. T. L. OVEREND AND CO., Solicitors for the said Executrix, 12 Ely place, Dublin.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUEST.
In the Goods of
CHARLES OWEN MARTIN, Deceased.

Notice is herby given, pursuant to the Statute 30 and 31 Vic., Cap. 54, that Charles Owen Martin, late of No. 1 Saint Andrew street, Dublin, and Carrickshinnagh, Foxrock, County Dublin, Stockbroker, by his Will dated the 31st day of July, 1919, bequeathed to the Parish Priest for the time being at his decease of the Roman Catholic Church, Foxrock, County Dublin, the sum of One Hundred Pounds. The said Testator died on the 10th day of November, 1921, and his said Will was duly proved in the Principal Registry of the King's Bench Division (Probate), of the High Court of Justice in Southern Ireland, by Richard J. Martin and Laurence W. Martin, the lawful brothers of Deceased, and the sole Executors appointed by his said Will, on the 19th day of December, 1921.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1921.

THOMAS C. ROSS, Solicitor for Executors, 31 South Frederick street, Dublin.

To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests, and to all whom it may concern.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

CHARLES OWEN MARTIN, late of No. 1 Saint Andrew street, Dublin, and Carrickshinnagh, Foxrock, County Dublin, Stockbroker, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22 and 23 Vic., Cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be Creditors of, or otherwise having claims or demands against the Estate of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 10th day of November, 1921, are herby required on or before the 30th day of January, 1922, to furnish (in writing) particulars of such claims and demands to the undersigned Solicitor for the Executors, Richard J. Martin and Laurence W. Martin, to whom Probate of the Will of said Deceased was on the 19th day of December, 1921, granted forth of the Principal Registry, King's Bench Division (Probate), of the High Court of Justice in Southern Ireland.

And Notice is hereby further given, that after the said 30th day of January, 1922, the said Executors will distribute the Assets of said Deceased, having regard only to the claims and demands of which particulars shall have been given as above required.

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The Drawings and Specifications may be seen at the Borough Surveyor's Office, 28 Castle street, Dublin, between the hours 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on and after the 31st of December, 1921, and copies may be had on payment of a sum of £1, which will be refunded on the receipt of a *bona fide* tender.

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Sealed Tenders (accompanied by drawings and specifications), endorsed "Tender for Pipes, Valves, etc., for Valve Tower, New Reservoir, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow," should be addressed to the Chairman, Waterworks Committee, 18 Parnell square, Dublin, and should be delivered not later than 1 p.m. on Monday, the 16th January, 1922.

By Order,
JOHN J. MURPHY,
Town Clerk.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.
In the Goods of
ALFRED LEO CAMPBELL, late of 23 Clonmore road, Ballybough, Gentleman, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 30 and 31 Vic., Cap. 34, that the above Deceased by his Will dated the 25th June, 1918, directed his Executors and Trustees that, upon the death of his sister, they should subject as in said Will set forth, hold his property and the investments to represent the same and all unexhausted accumulations of income upon trust for the following institutions:—

1. The Female Orphanage, North William street, under the care of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul;
2. The Male Orphanage of St. Vincent de Paul, Glasnevin, under the care of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul;
3. The Female Orphanage attached to the Presentation Convent, George's Hill, Dublin;
4. The Female Orphanage, Lakelands, Sandymount, under the care of the Sisters of Charity;

And that all moneys payable to the institutions might be paid to the Treasurer or Superior thereof. And, further, that in case, from any cause whatever, any of the gifts therein bequeathed should become void, he directed that any such gift should be made to the Catholic Archbishop who should be Archbishop of Dublin at the time of such voidure. By his said Will the Testator appointed William J. Collins, of 149 Clonliffe road, Dublin, and Richard Stapleton (junior), of Rathmoyle, Abbeyleix, Queen's County, Executors and Trustees.

Testator died on the 24th April, 1921, at the Mater Hospital, Dublin, and Probate of his said Will was granted forth of the Principal Registry of the High Court of Justice in Ireland, King's Bench Division (Probate), on the 4th day of July, 1921, to the said Executors.

Dated the 20th day of December, 1921.

THOMAS GERRARD and CO., Solicitors for the Executors, 25 Westmoreland street, Dublin.

To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland, and to all persons whom it may concern.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of
MARY ELLEN PIM, late of 29 Highfield road, Rathgar, in the County of Dublin, Widow, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22nd and 23rd Vic., Cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors of, or otherwise to have any claims or demands against the estate of the said Deceased, who died on the 6th day of November, 1921, are hereby required, on or before the 28th day of January, 1922, to furnish (in writing) particulars of such claims or demands to the undersigned Solicitor for John Harold Pim and Francis Henry Pim, two of the Executors named in the Will of Deceased, to whom Probate thereof was granted on the 13th day of December, 1921, forth of the Principal Registry, High Court of Justice in Southern Ireland, King's Bench Division (Probate).

And Notice is hereby further given that after the said 28th January, 1922, the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased, having regard only to the claims particulars of which shall have been given as above required.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1921.

E. WHITE, Solicitor for the Executors, 16 Molesworth street, Dublin.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN IRELAND.
KING'S BENCH DIVISION—IN BANKRUPTCY.

DELIA FAGAN BARAGRAY, Married Woman, of 67 Talbot street, in the City of Dublin, trading separately from her husband as Fagan Baragray and Co., Milliners, was on the 16th day of December, 1921, adjudged Bankrupt.

Public Sittings will be held before the Court at the Bankruptcy Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin, on Friday, the 13th day of January, 1922, and on Friday, the 27th day of January, 1922, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, whereat the Bankrupt is to attend, and to make a full disclosure and discovery of her Estate and Effects. Creditors may prove their Debts, and at the First Sitting choose a Creditor's Assignee. At the Last Sitting the Bankrupt is required to finish her Examination.

All persons having in their possession any Property of the Bankrupt should deliver it and all Debts due to the Bankrupt should be paid, to A. G. Hollingshead, Official Assignee, Bankruptcy Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin, to whom Creditors may forward their Affidavits of Debt.

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THE PEACE TREATY.

NOTICE TO THE FARMERS OF COUNTY MEATH.

In view of the very grave political crisis confronting the country it has been decided, at the request of a number of farmers, to summon a PUBLIC MEETING of the farmers (organised and unorganised) of County Meath, for TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), DECEMBER 31st.

The object of the meeting will be to ascertain the attitude of the Farmers of the County towards the Peace Treaty now under consideration by Dail Eireann. The meeting will be held in the Young Men's Society Hall, Navan, on the above-mentioned date, at 12 NOON PUNCTUALLY.

It is scarcely necessary to appeal for attendance. The seriousness of the situation should be appeal sufficient, and it is hoped that EVERY FARMER who can (whether he or she is a member of the Association or not) will attend without fail.

It would facilitate matters if those who wish to speak would intimate the fact previous to the hour of meeting.

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LOST on 22nd, a red and white Bullock, with black nose, brand on right horn T.F.; information thankfully received.—T. Fitzsimons, Dunastown, Clonee. E

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LOST, December 22nd, long Necklace, consisting of 254 small pearls with diamond and green snap. £20 reward if brought to West and Son, 102 Grafton st. B

LOST, 27th inst., Austin Motor Starting Handle, Kenilworth road district. Apply 13 Kenilworth road, Rathgar.

LOST, Wednesday night, 28th inst., Lady's large Black hat, blown from tram in Baggot st.; finder rewarded.—724, Irish Times Branch Office, Baggot st. Bridge.

LOST, December 27, between Hollybrooke and Bray Post Office, Fur Muff. Reward given if returned, Hodson, Hollybrooke, Bray. B

PAIR of Lady's Boots left at Shaw and Co.'s, Rathmines. Owner can have same on paying cost of this advertisement.

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A thoroughly efficient and highly trained Organiser is required by a Concern specialising in the distribution of Motor Spirit. He will be required to superintend Agents and Travellers throughout the area having as its working centre the town of Dublin. Only men of proved tact, discretion, and ability should apply, giving fullest particulars as to age, past employment, references, and qualifications.

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Annual Winter Sale
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A LADY required immediately to take charge of Housekeeping Department in Nursing Home. Apply Mrs. Norman Thompson, 35 Fitzwilliam square. A

ASSISTANT Wanted, to take charge of Cycle and Motor Depot near Dublin; state experience, copy references, salary expected.—C 186, this office. E

BILLIARD Marker—Wanted, responsible Man.—37 Rathmines road. F

BOOKKEEPER, with knowledge of Shorthand and Typewriting, Wanted for Merchant's Office, in city. Reply, giving fullest particulars and wages required, C 231, this office. F

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DRESSMAKER—Wanted, a first class Dressmaker, for a good Southern provincial town. Apply, stating age, experience, religion, and salary expected, "Z 935, Dressmaker," this office. E

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HOTEL—Young Lady Wanted for Dispense and Stores. Apply, with testimonials, Gresham Hotel. F

MILLINERY and Mantles—Wanted, competent Milliner; must possess thorough knowledge of sales; Protestant; references and salary, indoor or outdoor.—Roycroft's, Newbridge, Co. Kildare. A

MANAGER—Competent Man Wanted for Licensed Grocery and Provision Business in country district (Co. Meath); salary £150 (indoor). Applicants to state experience and send copies of references to C 137, this office. A

McBIRNEY and Co., Ltd., require temporary Assistants for their Gloves, Hosiery, Haberdashery, Drapery, and Outfitting Departments.—Aston's quay.

MILLINERY and General Drapery—Wanted early in January, a practical Milliner, with knowledge of sales; house near Dublin; copies references, religion, and salary, outdoor.—"Z 1009, Millinery," this office. A

NORTH Circular road—Advertisements for this Paper received by Mr. Lonergan, Newsagent and Confectioner, Ye Olde Tolle House, Phoenix Park Gate, North Circular road. X

STEREOTYPER required in City Newspaper Office. Apply C 182, this office. E

SHORTHAND Typist (male) required by Wholesale Electrical Firm; state age, experience (if any), and salary expected.—C 179, this office. A

SOLUTIONS of the Picture Puzzle in the Christmas Number of the "Weekly Irish Times" should be sent in before Saturday, 7th January. F

SHORTHAND Typist Wanted for Electrical Engineer's Office; must be speedy and accurate.—C 201, this office.

SMART Boy, about 15, Wanted for Office and Packing Room. Apply, Friday morning, from 10 a.m. to 12. Caxton Publishing Co., 17 Westland Row.

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WHAT Youth Does Not Appreciate—See the Special Article in the Students' Page of the "Weekly Irish Times." On Sale to-day, price twopence. F

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WANTED, Co. Dublin, experienced Chauffeur, Fiat car; single, T.T.; generally useful. Apply, with copies, "Z 1033, Chauffeur," this office. F

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QUALIFIED Dental Surgeon open to engagement; highest testimonials.—C 144, this office. E

WANTED for Private Hospital in Belfast, Assistant Nurse. Apply, with copies of testimonials, stating religion, to Box No. 453, Irish Times Branch Office, Belfast. F

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Useful Reminders TO Women looking FOR Bargains AT THE January Sales ARE GIVEN BY Molly Bawn IN THE Weekly Irish Times ON SALE TO-DAY, PRICE TWOPENCE.

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OUR GREAT Winter Discount Sale COMMENCES THIS DAY AT ALL OUR HOUSES. 2/- in the £ off all purchases

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CHURCH NOTES.

The Church Army has made arrangements for the establishment of soup-kitchens in a large number of towns throughout the country. Relief in the form of soup and bread will be issued at the Labour Homes to people certified by responsible persons as deserving of assistance. Preference will usually be given to the families of men who are willing to work as opportunity offers in the Church Army Relief Works for Married Men. While it is hoped to continue this further effort so long as the need exists, the Church Army can only continue it so long as funds permit, for the Church Army exists only on the principle of never incurring debt.

As it has been reported to the Committee of the Church Missionary Society that references made by one of the lecturers at the Summer School at Llandudno were likely to throw doubt upon the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, they have now passed resolutions declaring that membership of the Society involves a recognition of the Holy Scriptures as the revelation of God, mediated by inspired writers, and as holding a unique position as the supreme authority in matters of faith.

The Guardian states that it is reported that a prominent member of the recent Conference of Modern Churchmen at Cambridge has been delated for heresy, and that the matter, which is now before the ecclesiastical authorities primarily concerned, may be taken eventually to the appropriate court. The doctrinal point upon which the complaint is based is, it is stated, of a very liberal interpretation, without any necessary lapse from orthodoxy.

It is in contemplation to hold a great conference on Christian politics and economics in the year 1923. The primary object of the conference is to present the claim of the Christian conscience on the great social and political questions of the day, which are fundamentally moral questions. A mere flood of pious generalisations can do nothing except to create and increase the feeling that Christians can only talk platitudes. A number of committees are being formed for the purpose of defining various issues, of limiting the field of discussions, and of securing more or less authoritative pronouncements on social and economic matters.

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Books of the Week.

CAMILLE SAINT SAENS.

This study of Camille Saint Saëns as man, *littérateur*, and many-sided musician comes as epitaph on the brilliant career which has just ended. What a link with the past was this man of simplicity, affability, determination, and absolute independence—not to mention his intellectual gifts! When Saint Saëns was a boy Mendelssohn, Chopin, and Schumann were alive; Meyerbeer at his zenith in opera, Berlioz hard at work to obtain a footing, Wagner and Verdi beginning their divergent careers, Gounod, winner of the *Prix de Rome*, a struggling organist; Dumas, Balzac, Victor Hugo, Georges Sand were in their prime; and Louis Philippe was ruling France. Saint Saëns was one of the protagonists of the great renaissance of French music that began in 1870, and has given so many brilliant composers to the world. In 1870 Berlioz was dead, Auber had died through the Commune, Ambroise Thomas and Gounod had won success. In the renaissance, in addition to Saint Saëns, those who came to the fore were César Franck, Reyer, Lalo, Bizet, Delibes, Massenet, Guiraud, Paladilhe, Widor, Fauré, Chabrier—and later Vincent d'Indy, Alfred Bruneau, Debussy, Charpentier, and many present-day men whom it is too soon yet to place.

Among these brilliant musicians Saint Saëns was unique; yet his versatility negatived, rather than brought him, the notoriety that men of lesser parts enjoy. He showed that it was possible to be learned without being pedantic, to be tuneful without becoming banal; to employ all musical forms with ease and absolute mastery of resource; to remain clear and concise through all musical utterance, and to avoid exaggerations. His free use of many forms associated with famous composers has caused the unthinking to suspect Saint Saëns of plagiarism; but it is rather in the spirit and ability to use the form that he resembles the great masters. Gounod insists that composers must have music "ancestors." We can trace many in the work of Saint Saëns, though his intimate knowledge of the great composers was a guarantee against the imitation of any of them. In his most popularly known work, "Samson and Delilah," we get apt illustrations of his play on style in the contrapuntal opening scene and the passing to modern musical phraseology with the entrance of Delilah.

It would be impossible to give even mention of the works that make up the colossal output of Saint Saëns. The more important are discussed with helpful criticism in this memoir, and the simple list of the rest forms a large appendix. A chapter devoted to the literary works of Saint Saëns contains an extract from his "*Harmonie et Mélodie*," which now, even more than when it came from the living musician, may be allowed to defend him. Answering the accusation that he is denying Wagner after profiting by him, he says: "Not only do I not deny him, but I glory in having studied him and profited by him, as it was my right and duty. I have done the same as regards Sebastian Bach, Haydn, Beethoven, Mozart, and all the masters of all the schools. I do not on that account consider myself obliged to say of each of them that he alone is God and I am his prophet. In reality it is neither Bach, nor Beethoven, nor Wagner whom I love; it is art. I am an eclectic. This is, perhaps, a great defect. . . . One cannot alter one's nature. Again, I love liberty passionately. . . . Enthusiasms to order (*les enthousiasmes de commande*) freeze the blood in my veins and render me incapable of appreciating the most beautiful works."

Yet, though Saint Saëns composed his first symphony when only sixteen and soon won a place in musical circles, it was long before he reached the larger public of France that can only be approached through opera. It is said that a fair princess of artistic tendencies, having been asked to help Saint Saëns to that end, answered, "What? Is he not content with his position? He plays the organ at the Madeleine and the piano in my house. Is not that sufficient for him?" Mr. Arthur Hervey has given us a most usefully-condensed appreciation where he might easily have been too discursive. We only wish that he had made his reasoned criticisms more valuable still by an index for reference. Yet the work illumines wonderfully for us this complex personality, who was at once typically French, and, from choice, man of the musical world.

"Saint Saëns." By Arthur Hervey. London: Lane. 6/-.

A NORTHERN MINISTER.

The Reverend Charles Davey, D.D., late minister of Fisherwick Presbyterian Church, Belfast, who died in March, 1919, was one of the most devoted and influential ministers of the Irish Presbyterian Church. He ministered to three of its largest congregations in succession, and from first to last of his career was regarded by all classes with trust and affection such as are accorded to few public men. He was not ecclesiastically minded, and took no part in the administration of the affairs of the Church. His whole strength was given to the pulpit and to the pastoral work of his congregation. But such concentration of his energies would not account for his influence. It was, as is evident from this memoir, due in the main to a character in which there was a rare blending of strength and gentleness, and to his evangelical warmth and urgency.

Dr. Davey's friends will be grateful to his son, Professor Davey, for this attractive and pious memoir of one whose whole life was a persuasive argument for Christianity. Clergymen, whatever their doctrinal views may be, will find in it not a little that may advantage them in their work, especially as preachers. They will not find anything bearing on the old and still actively smouldering questions of Church and creed and criticism. Dr. Davey's mind was not inhospitable to such questions, especially in later years, and his views, no doubt, underwent certain modifications; but controversial questions were to him secondary, while he held to the few simple verities of the Christian Gospel. He died in his prime, a victim to the system that puts the whole burden of a large congregation on one man.

Professor Davey touches on this defect in the Presbyterian system, and suggests as a remedy the ordination of licentiates. It is very doubtful if this would meet the need unless the number of licentiates were very much increased. Moreover, granted even such an increase, the element of compulsion would have to be introduced and would raise new difficulties. If you compel men to serve, you must guarantee them support whether they are employed or not. Apart from this objection, there will be the natural reluctance of men who have undergone the prolonged academic course required of Presbyterian divinity students to serve for a further term of years a post-graduate course as assistant in somebody else's parish when they are eager to get into their own. Yet something ought to be done to meet the situation in Belfast, where the clergy of every denomination are wholly unable to cope with the crying spiritual needs of that great city.

"Charles Davey, D.D." By J. Ernest Davey, M.A., B.D. Belfast: McCaw, Stevenson, and Orr. 6/- net.

ULSTER AND MUNSTER.

Mr. George Fletcher edits a short series which is meant to cover the four Provinces of Ireland. There will be four volumes dealing with the four Provinces, and a fifth summing up the four volumes into a connected view. In the Ulster and Munster volumes Professor Macalister deals with ancient geography, Mr. Lloyd Praeger with topography, Professor Swain with geology, Mr. Praeger with botany and zoology, Mr. E. C. R. Armstrong with architecture and antiquities, Mr. Fletcher with administration, industries, and manufactures, and Mr. Best with distinguished Ulstermen and Munstermen. These two volumes are well written, and in a comparatively short compass they contain much information which is not unduly compressed. Dr. Macalister's work is admirably done, and the scientific sections are so clearly written that they are quite intelligible to the non-scientific reader. It is obvious that our land had in bygone days excellent coal mines. With the coming of the ice age these coal mines went some seven miles below the level of mother earth. Some day, perhaps, science may be able to delve so deeply, and then Ireland can rival the Black Country of England.

Mr. Best has much to say about the distinguished men and women of Ulster. There are, however, some grave omissions in his list. For example, we noted no mention of Henry and William James, who were proud of their Ulster descent. The fact was also worth noting that out of twenty-seven Presidents of the United States no fewer than nine hailed from the Northern Province. Mr. Best surprises us, too, by such omissions as that of Castlereagh, whose fame steadily increases; that of John Nicholson, the Bayard of India; that of Sir Francis L. McClintock, of the Franklin Relief Expedition; that of Joseph Black, the discoverer of carbon dioxide; those of William Hazlitt and the Brontës. Perhaps, the most remarkable omission is that of Lord Cairns, who was one of the greatest judges of the nineteenth century.

"Ulster, Munster." Two volumes edited by George Fletcher, F.G.S., M.R.I.A. Cambridge: The University Press. 6/6 each.

KENT.

It was in India that Mr. Maxwell saw the moonlight over a Kentish landscape; in Persia that he felt the glamour of his home chalklands; and in the Garden of Eden that his thoughts painted the sunny stretches of the Garden of England. He realised that the value of the discovery does not depend upon the inaccessibility of the object to be discovered, though in this case it was inaccessibility that brought the beauty of his home county into the vista of desire. On coming home Mr. Maxwell set forth at once upon an "exploring expedition" through Kent. He travelled as through an unknown country, with log-book and sketch-book, taking nothing for granted, and working through by-ways and hidden tracks as he came upon them. Thus the quiet countryside is opened for the busy reader and those whose paths lie in the well-trodden highways of the world.

The charming line and colour of the author are by no means the only pictures that we get of the county. His imagination peoples it, and with legend, incidents from history, and an undercurrent of humour, makes sleepy hamlets, winding lanes, fishing coves, and even slag-heaps eloquent of romance. Some readers, like the Quaker who dreamed that he reached Heaven, will feel surprise at not finding many old friends included here, and will be more than astonished to see that little suspected places have been judged worthy of honour. Indeed, it is a reproaching thought that it took the eyes of "A Painter in Palestine" and "A Dweller in Mesopotamia" to discover the beauties of "Unknown Kent."

"Unknown Kent." By Donald Maxwell. London: Lane. 12/6 net.

A SOUTHERN DIOCESE.

Much learning has come from the quiet rectories of the Church of Ireland, and it is pleasant to note that the Diocese of Cashel maintains its old pride of place. Among its clergy is such a man as the learned Dr. Seymour, and now we can add the name of the Reverend W. H. Rennison, who has compiled a most accurate succession list of the bishops, cathedral and parochial clergy of the Dioceses of Waterford and Lismore. Such a list is of inestimable value to the student of the annals of the Church of Ireland. Naturally, the author has consulted the printed books, and has made ample use of that mine of information, the Lismore Papers. He has consulted manuscripts in our Record Office, in the Library of T.C.D., in the National Library, Dublin, and other manuscripts. Nor is this book a mere mass of details, however accurately sifted. Mr. Rennison raises such questions as the extent of Christianity in Ireland before the coming of St. Patrick. He points out the difficulties in the way of accepting the theory that St. Declan visited St. David of Wales. At the same time he plainly leans to the view that St. Declan's work was pre-Patrician, and he also leans to the view that the work of Ailbhe, Ibar, and Ciaran was pre-Patrician. A day will come when it will be possible to write a history of the Church of Ireland, and among the foundations of that history will be this excellent book.

"Succession List of the Bishops, Cathedral and Parochial Clergy of the Dioceses of Waterford and Lismore." By the Rev. W. H. Rennison, B.A., Waterford: Croker and Co. 10/6.

QUESTION PROOF.

That "little children should be seen and not heard" is an axiom as effete as the samples and other monstrosities that governed child-education a generation ago; but this book revives it in the memories of childish bewilderments that it evokes. Through it the busy father or mother can meet the cornering "Why?" and "How?" by a kindly "Look it up in the book" and escape with credit, while the child will pass many an hour in solving the puzzles and novelties that have stimulated his interest. The compiler, with a staff of contributors, has supplied answers to innumerable questions regarding the essential facts of science, mechanics, manufacturing processes, nature study, biography, geography, history, physiology, astronomy, etc. These are grouped in thirteen chapters—"What the World is Made Of," "A Day Indoors, about Ourselves," "The Animal World," "The Garden," "In the Street," "At the Seaside," "Travel," "The Oldest Things," "The Biggest Things," "The Longest Things," "The World's History," "Who's Who in History," "The Great War," and "Who's Who in the Great War." A good index is a quick guide to what things are, or have been. The book in no sense comes under the category of instructions what to do in household or other emergencies.

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"The Parents' Book." By Rita Strauss. London: T. C. and E. C. Jack. 10/6 net.

RECENT FICTION.

One would hardly have credited Peter Duff, the sub-editor of the "Adventure Novel Series," with the soul of an adventurer. He was a lean and lanky youth, wore horn-rimmed spectacles, and was altogether very unheroic in appearance. Chance, however, brought adventure in his way, and Duff made the best possible use of his opportunities, proved himself a giant among heroes, and won for himself a bewitching gipsy and much gold. His ingenuity and daring during his search for the stolen treasure belonging to the Princes of the Manchus provide the reader with plenty of light holiday entertainment. Though the *dénoûment* is surprising, it is not the less satisfactory.

"The Qualified Adventurer." By Selwyn Jepson. Hutchinson. 8/6 net.

"In Ghostly Company," by Amyas Northcote, is good reading, for he refrains from the abstruse technicalities of modern spiritualists, as well as from the gruesome horrors in which old-fashioned writers of ghost stories used to indulge. Though there is here plenty of matter to occupy our thoughts and to give us a not unpleasant thrill, we can assure the reader that there is little to disturb his dreams. Mr. Northcote knows just how much atmosphere is necessary to set off his tales, and he tells them simply and well, and with a nice economy of words. Out of a good selection, "Brickett Bottom," perhaps, shows the author at his best.

"In Ghostly Company." By Amyas Northcote. Lane. 7/6 net.

"The King Waits" is a historical romance of the seventeenth century. The story begins with the defeat of Charles and his followers at Worcester in 1651, and goes on to describe succeeding events up to the Restoration in 1660. All the great men of the period figure in this novel, and Mary Monk, daughter of the famous general, plays the part of a very plucky and lovable heroine. While adhering strictly to historical facts, the author has succeeded in breathing life into dead bones, and has been fortunate in choosing a period which abounds in such romantic material.

"The King Waits." By Morice Gerard. Odhams. 7/6 net.

Miss Webling presents so many characters that she robs her heroine, Alison Booker, of her due share of interest and sympathy. Alison is a brave girl, following the thorny path of literature in London to support her mother and a semi-invalided uncle, Jonah. Her love for, and belief in, the pompous editor and great man, Barrington Chase, lead to a bitter disappointment when her eyes are opened; and the experience is excellently told. The affairs of Jerry Cuff, lightning artist, and of Rosamond Courtly are somewhat irrelevant matter.

"The Fruitless Orchard." By Peggy Webling. Hutchinson. 8/6 net.

The ease with which an adventuress poses as the deserted wife of a circumspect young man and actually interrupts, at the very altar, his marriage to a charming girl is the most astounding feature of this story. Cecil Ray throws up his lucrative law practice and disappears, while Hope pines at home—until the villainess sees fit to confess upon her deathbed. The confession is just in time to prevent Hope's marriage to the villain, and fortunately Cecil has made good in America.

"An Interrupted Romance." By Silas K. Hocking. Sampson Low. 7/6 net.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Fiction.

Greensea Island. By Victor Bridges. Mill and Boon. 7/6 net.

Miscellaneous.

More About Collecting. By Sir James Yoxall. London: Stanley Paul. 15/- net.

1922-1950, A.D. Concerning and Containing a Prophecy and a Picture Puzzle. By F. M. Lawson. Littlehampton: Lawson. 1/- net.

Gilbert and Sullivan Opera. By H. M. Walbrook. London: F. V. White. 3/6 net.

Second Congress of the Universities of the Empire, 1921. Edited by Alex. Hill. London: Bell. 21/- net.

New Edition.

The Romance of Madame Tussaud's. By John T. Tussaud. London: Odhams Press. 6/- net.

Theology.

The Spiritual Gifts. By Rev. J. B. Pridie, M.A. London: Robert Scott. 5/- net.

The Bridgettine Order. By Benedict Williamson. London: Kegan Paul. 2/- net.

Verse.

Northern Numbers. Edited by C. M. Grieve. London: Foulis. 6/- net.

PORT BOARD ELECTION.

DISPUTE OVER PRESIDING OFFICERS.

The weekly meeting of the Dublin Port and Docks Board was held yesterday—Mr. George Byrne, Chairman, presiding.

The Law Agent submitted a list of names of presiding and assistant presiding officers at the forthcoming election. The following were the suggested names of the presiding officers in the event of a contest:—Mr. J. J. Clancy, K.C.; Mr. J. J. L. Murphy, Mr. F. S. F. Battersby, K.C.; and Mr. S. Moore. Returning officers—Mr. Dudley White, K.C.; Mr. R. D. Murray, and Mr. John Leech, K.C.

Arising out of the appointment of poll clerks, Alderman Byrne drew attention to the fact that there were hundreds of clerical workers out of employment at present, and on that account he held that no man holding a position should be taken out of it and given a clerical post in connection with the elections.

Mr. O'Loughlin moved that Mr. John O'Byrne's name be substituted for that of Mr. S. Moore as returning officer at No. 4 Station, and Mr. Farrell seconded.

Alderman Byrne said that they were only asking for one appointment out of seven.

Mr. Barry pleaded for unanimity on the matter.

The Chairman put the amendment, which was lost by 7 votes to 14 against.

The Lord Mayor then moved that the name of Mr. John O'Byrne be substituted for Mr. Battersby, K.C. This would give the Board an opportunity of showing that tolerance spoken of, and would give an opportunity to a young barrister of reaping some of the small benefits going. Mr. Battersby was a very eminent K.C., and it was surely a small job to offer him.

Alderman Byrne seconded the amendment, which was lost by 8 votes to 14 against.

Alderman Byrne moved a further amendment that the name of Mr. O'Byrne be substituted for that of Mr. Murphy. Mr. O'Loughlin seconded the amendment, which was also lost by 8 to 14 against.

Mr. Dowling moved, and Mr. Farrell seconded, that the name of Mr. Hector Hughes be substituted for Mr. Battersby.

The Lord Mayor pointed out that none of the men whose names were before them on the Law Agent's list had consented to act, and the procedure, therefore, was out of order. It was unfair that these gentlemen's names should be bandied about.

The Chairman said that they would then withdraw the entire list. He moved that the matter be left to the returning officers, in consultation with the Law Agent, the Lord Mayor, and Mr. O'Loughlin. It was necessary to appoint officers in December.

Mr. Goodbody seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr. Hewitt observed that the request made by a section of the Board was not an unreasonable one.

Mr. Baird suggested that they appoint Mr. O'Byrne as an additional returning officer, but Mr. O'Loughlin objected.

The Law Agent said that there were 8 polling stations, and in one case the returning officers presided.

The Lord Mayor said that he was not going to make a job for an eighth, even for his friends.

The Chairman said that he would take the responsibility of moving Mr. O'Loughlin's suggestion, that Mr. John O'Byrne's name be substituted for one of those already on the list.

This was agreed to, and the Law Agent's list with this amendment was adopted.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

DUBLIN SCHOOLS' RECORD.

The Technical Education Committee for the City of Dublin have recently had before them reports from their various headmasters on the current work of the different departments of the Technical Schools, and, almost without exception, there is a splendid record of progress and efficiency.

In the day apprentice school good progress is being made by the boys in all their subjects. The present courses are in mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, carpentry, and cabinet-making.

The entries for evening classes for the current session, which started in September last, are so large that the accommodation of the three Technical Institutes (Bolton street, Kevin street, and Parnell square) is taxed to the utmost. Nearly all the first year classes are full, and in several cases had to be duplicated. An even more satisfactory feature is the fact that the more advanced classes are well filled.

There are at present nearly 10,000 entries for evening classes. The numbers in mechanical engineering, motor engineering, electrical engineering, printing trades, art, domestic science, music, and most of the miscellaneous trades are well up to the standard of the previous highest figures, while the numbers in the building trades and commerce exceed all past records.

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EARTH GOING "DRY."

SCIENTIST AND END OF HUMAN RACE.

A French geologist, writing in *La Nature*, suggests that the earth is drying up, and that the human race will die of thirst. After referring to the theory that the Sahara was once covered with water, the writer continues:—

"But most of all it is the recent researches in the interior of the ground itself which have 'transformed from a hypothesis to a certainty the idea that the waters are gradually making their escape into the subsoil and that there is a substitution of a modern subterranean circulation for an ancient surface circulation.'

"Martel enumerates and describes a great many very curious examples of the disappearance of springs, the deepening of subterranean rivers, the going dry of wells, etc., which make the future desiccation of our globe seem inevitable. He says 'humanity must prepare for a fight with thirst.'

One of the most convincing of the arguments offered to this effect is the perforation of the bottom of the upper galleries in caverns where subterranean rivers have dried up in the course of ages through an actual drawing off of their waters into profounder depths. This has been noted particularly in many of the caves among the Pyrenees. In the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky, the largest cavern in the world, the upper galleries are perforated repeatedly in this manner by great orifices through which their ancient waters have escaped.

"Even under our very eyes we may see the capture of waters by the depths below. The valley of the Nesque now loses on the top of Monieux its stream of water, which is taken captive by the famous fountain of Vaucluse, and it requires very violent storms to cause even a temporary flood to run in the bed of this superb dry ravine.

"There is a lively dispute as to whether this process has been actually manifested during historic times. . . . While a number of authorities agree that there is evidence of the 'tangible visibility and rapidity of the phenomenon' in modern times, others hold that there has been no perceptible diminution of the waters upon the earth's surface during the period of historical record."

Still another controversy rages as to causes, says the *Literary Digest*. Some geologists, including Martel and his school, ascribe it to the enlargement of fissures in the subsoil, together with a decrease in the amount of rain. Still another school makes this last cause entirely responsible. Some writers think that all the observed facts proceed only from regional changes in the distribution of rainfall, and thus remain purely local; others still hold that there is a progressive desiccation of the earth's surface, but declare that it is due to deforestation. Still another group believe that the phenomenon is due to the intensive cultivation of the soil.

DUBLIN-BUILT SHIP LAUNCH.

A ship built to the order of Messrs. Nobel's Explosives Company will be launched at the Alexandra road yard of Messrs. Dublin Shipbuilders, Ltd., at 11.30 this morning.

The new vessel, the Lady Anstruther, is 173 feet long by 26½ feet broad, and has a carrying capacity of 650 tons. It will be employed in coastal trade.

The steamer Fuchoco, built by the Dublin Dockyard Co., Ltd., for the Cia Carbonifera y de Fundicion Schwager, Valparaiso, has run successful trials in the Firth of Clyde.

IRISH WILLS.

Mr. Richard Warburton, of Garryhinch, Portarlington, Queen's County, who died on May 27 last, left personal estate in the United Kingdom valued at £2,615 2s. 5d., of which £263 5s. 5d. is in England.

Dr. James Walshe Davidson, of 18 Somerset avenue, Bangor, Co. Down, who died on August 18 last, left personal estate in the United Kingdom valued at £3,114 5s. 5d., of which £105 2s. 11d. is in England.

CANADIAN CATTLE EXPORTS.

(SPECIAL CABLE.)

MONTREAL, 29th December.

The strike at Portland is holding up the Concordia and Welshman, which may sail with 600 cattle, but the Importer is leaving for Liverpool with 242 head and the Lakonia for Glasgow with 435. Ocean freights have been reduced to $20.00 per head.

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORT.

Barometer.—30. Wind and Weather—W.N.W. wind, fresh breeze; fine and clear.

Coastwise Arrivals.—Slieve Bawn, Snowdon, Menevia, from Holyhead, with goods, passengers, etc.; Yarrow, from Silloth, with goods; Maple, from Glasgow, with goods; Lady Wicklow, from Liverpool, with goods; Allegheny, from Avonmouth, with motor spirit; Ardchattan, from Glasgow, with linseed cake; Balmarino, from Workington, with coals; Rosstrevor, from Holyhead, light.

Foreign Departure.—Eastern King, of Seattle (1,814 tons), for Belfast, with part cargo.

Coastwise Departures.—Slieve Bawn, Snowdon, Menevia, for Holyhead, with goods, passengers, etc.; Lady Wicklow, Lady Carlow, for Liverpool, with goods; Lady Kildare, Eblana, for Manchester, with goods; Yarrow, for Silloth, with goods; Lady Emerald, for London, with goods; Olive, for Heysham, with goods; Maple, for Glasgow, with goods; Patricia, for Cardiff, with goods; Brussels, for Preston, with live stock, etc.; Rosstrevor, for Holyhead, with live stock; Carrowdore, for Liverpool, with porter; The Countess, for Newport, light; St. Mungo, for Preston, light; Redsmere, Deloraine, Balmarino, for Liverpool, light; Talacre, Irena, for Point of Aire, light; Silverfield, for Garston, light; Sard, for Irvine, light; Sapphire, for Glasgow, light; St. Enoch, for Portaferry, light; The Baron, for Cardiff, light; Helga, for Kingstown, light.

LLOYD'S MAIL NEWS.

ARLANZA, Buenos Ayres for Southampton, and ALMANZORA, Southampton for Buenos Ayres, arr. Santos 25th.
AVON, Buenos Ayres for Southampton, left Lisbon 28th.
CITY OF CALCUTTA, from Calcutta, arr. Gravesend 29th.
CITY OF HARVARD, London for Karachi, passed Perim 29th.
COLLEGIAN, Liverpool for Calcutta, passed Gibraltar 28th.
COMRIE CASTLE, from Natal, and CITY OF PEKIN, from Yokohama, arr. Gravesend 28th.
DORINGTON COURT, for England, left Havana 23rd.
EBOE, from Liverpool, arr. Bassam 24th.
EKARI, from Liverpool, arr. Sierra Leone 26th.
FIELD-MARSHAL, for Southampton, left Port Said 25th.
GAMBIA, for Hull, left Las Palmas 25th.
GILGIA, Sydney for Hull, called Las Palmas 28th.
HIGHLAND PRIDE, for London, left Monte Video 26th.
HURUNUI, from Liverpool, arr. Sydney 26th.
KAISER-I-HIND, Madura for London and Bombay, arr. Port Said 28th.
KAMO MARU, Tees for Yokohama, passed Gibraltar 29th.
KENT, Rockhampton for London, arr. Adelaide 25th.
KROONLAND, from New York, arr. Antwerp 28th.
IAGO, New Orleans for Hull, called Fayal 28th.
LANCASHIRE, Rangoon for London, arr. Suez 28th.
LOGICIAN, from New Orleans, arr. Mersey 29th.
MAHANA, from Clyde, arr. Auckland 26th.
MANICA, from London, arr. Natal 28th.
MELVILLE, for U.K., left Grand Bassam 26th.
MICHAEL, from Liverpool, arr. Ceara 26th.
MISHIMA MARU, from London, arr. Yokohama 27th.
MOREA, for London, left Port Said 26th.
NALDERA, Sydney for London, arr. Melbourne 29th.
NINIAN, from Liverpool, arr. Kingston 28th.
OLYMPIC, from Southampton, arr. New York 27th.
ORCADES, Brisbane for London, arr. Colombo 28th.
ORCOMA, Callao for Liverpool, arr. Panama 27th.
ORIANA, from Liverpool, arr. Colon 28th.
ORSOVA, London for Brisbane, arr. Fremantle 29th.
PRAH, from London, arr. Sapele 24th.
PRETORIAN, for Glasgow, left St. John 28th.
PRINCESS, for Southampton, left Bombay 27th.
PANHANDLE STATE, for London, left New York 27th.
PORT ALBANY, from London, arr. Auckland 27th.
PORT SYDNEY, London for Australia, passed Cape of Good Hope 29th.
SADO MARU, London for Yokohama, left Hong Kong 28th.
SCANDINAVIAN, for Southampton, left St. John 24th.
SCINDIA, from Liverpool, arr. Bombay 28th.
SHIDZUOKA MARU, Yokohama for London, arr. Marseilles 27th.
SICILIA, from London, arr. Calcutta 27th.
SUEVIC, for London, left Sydney 24th.
SURREY, from London, arr. Brisbane 24th.
TREVANION, for London, left Marseilles 27th.
VITA, Southampton for Bombay, arr. Malta 28th.
WAIPARA, from London, arr. Brisbane 29th.
ZARIA, from Liverpool, arr. Harcourt 27th.

Mr. G. H. Wheeler has been appointed traffic superintendent of the Somerset and Dorset Joint Railway.

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FOLKESTONE.

POOLE'S TREBLE.

SMALL FIELDS FOR THE 'CHASES.

As usual, the steeplechases were the weak portion of the Folkestone card. Two of these events only attracted three runners each. It is not a little singular that most of the spills here take place at the open ditch on the far side of the course, and there is no satisfactory explanation why this should be so. Some jockeys complain of the shadow cast across the fence, though the fact that the obstacle is approached on the turn probably leads to false jumping.

Sir Eyre, in the Guildhall Steeplechase, was the first to come down at the fatal fence, and when Barratt was brought back on a stretcher—this mode of conveyance is preferred by the medical profession to the motor or horse-drawn ambulance—it was feared that he was seriously injured. However, an examination revealed nothing worse than bruised ribs, though it is doubtful whether he will be able to ride at Newbury, where Batho has several promising mounts which Barratt was to have ridden.

Poole expected to saddle four winners. He succeeded with Tim, Top Hole, and White Ronald; but the odds laid on Care Free in the Juvenile Hurdle were ruthlessly upset by Toilet. This was the first winning ride over hurdles for Weech, the flat race apprentice, who, when connected with Richard Wootton's stable, met with the displeasure of the Jockey Club Stewards, and for a time had his riding licence withdrawn.

Mr. Pulford, who won on White Ronald, has not done much race riding, though he scored recently on Temple Bar at Hurst Park. He is, however, well known on the hunting field in the Lewes district, and has had a considerable amount of schooling experience along with the brothers Rees on Poole's horses, an experience which has made him one of the most promising of amateur horsemen.

The best field and the most exhilarating race was the Selling Hurdle Handicap, in which Flying Winkfield might have done better if he had been ridden a little more judiciously. But so much use was made of him that he had not an effort left when the straight was reached. On the contrary, Leslie Butchers rode a splendidly-judged race in his father's colours on Son o' Melton.

Some prospective jockeys' engagements at Newbury are:—F. Rees, Good Points; J. Hogan, senr., Green Button; Rennison, Kilnford; Captain Bennett, Balthazar; Mr. Roberts, The Turk II.; Mr. Pulford, Hard Nail.

1.0—GUILDHALL (S.) 'CHASE, £100. Second £5. 2 m.
Mr. B. Fitch's ch. g. TIM, by M'Yardley—Or Vierge, a, 11-10 .... L. B. Rees 1
Mr. D. Faber's NORTHBROOK, 6, 11-10 .... C. Kelly 2
Mr. J. Pendarves's WHISTON, a, 12-3 .... H. Smyth 3

Also ran—Sir Eyre, a, 11-0 (J. Barratt); Raeburn's Glass, a, 12-3 (R. Trudgill); Rushyford, a, 11-10 (B. Ellis). (Winner trained by G. Poole.)

Betting—5 to 2 each agst. Sir Eyre and TIM, 3 to 1 Raeburn's Glass, 6 to 1 Rushyford, 10 to 1 bar four.

Won by twelve lengths; a very bad third. The others fell.

1.30—(S.) H'CAP H'DLE, £100. Second £5. 2 m.
Mr. Butchers's b. g. SON O' MELTON, by Melton—Lady Orme, a, 11-2 .... L. Butchers 1
Mr. J. E. Potter's POTENTATE, 5, 10-10 ... Dick 2
Mr. Wilson's FLYING WINKFIELD, a, 12-3 .... W. Clarke 3

Also ran—Glance, 4, 10-13 (A. Newey); Bedplate, 6, 10-5 (H. Smyth); Home Screech, a, 10-0 (Jacquelin); Glatz, a, 11-7 (H. Gordon); Lady Risca, 4, 11-3 (W. Bowen); Yankee Pro, a, 10-10 (Tighe); Ardenian, a, 10-10 (Kieley); Boyne Water, 5, 10-8 (L. Rees); C. Man, a, 10-7 (W. Smith); Lady Charity, 4, 10-7 (Fitzgerald); Leominster, 4, 10-4 (J. Gray). (Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—4 to 1 agst. Lady Risca, 9 to 2 SON O' MELTON, 5 to 1 Ardenian, 6 to 1 Flying Winkfield, 7 to 1 Glance, 10 to 1 each Glatz, Potentate, Lady Charity, and Yankee Pro, 100 to 7 bar nine.

Won by three lengths; ten lengths separated second and third. Lady Charity was fourth, Leominster and Home Screech fell.

2.0—DEAL H'CAP 'CHASE, £125. Second £10; third £5. 2 m.
Mr. T. Edge's ch. g. TOP HOLE, by Caedmon—Childish, a, 12-0 .... L. B. Rees 1
Mr. S. Mercer's GREENOGUE, a, 11-5 ... C. Kelly 2
Mr. H. Green's BORDER DON, a, 10-12 .... G. Green 3

(Winner trained by G. Poole.)

Betting—2 to 1 on TOP HOLE, 3 to 1 agst. Greenogue, 8 to 1 Border Don.

Won by eight lengths; a bad third.

2.30—AMATEUR RIDERS' H'CAP H'DLE, £95. Second £10. 2 m.
Mr. S. Dennis's b. h. WHITE RONALD, by Dark Ronald—Blanche II., a, 11-9 .... Mr. R. Burford 1
Mr. T. Hartigan's BURBERRY, 4, 10-10 .... Mr. R. C. Bush 2
Mr. J. Pendarve's CHANCELLOR II. a, 10-5 .... Owner 3

Also ran—Kenworthy, a, 10-11 (Owner). (Winner trained by G. Poole.)

Betting—9 to 4 on WHITE RONALD, 5 to 2 agst. Burberry, 20 to 1 bar two.

Won by eight lengths; a very bad third.

3.0—OTTERPOOL 'CHASE, £100. Second £10; third £5. 3 m. and about 1 f.
Mr. D. Faber's br. g. ST. SWIFT, by St. Martin—Roma, a, 11-10 .... W. Smith 1
Mr. E. Holley's THE FLY III. a, 12-3 .... Trudgill 2
Lord Denman's CHARLBURY, a, 12-3 .. L. Rees 3

Also ran—Silken Prince, a, 11-10 (C. Kelly). (Winner trained by Hatt.)

Betting—6 to 4 agst. ST. SWIFT, 9 to 4 The Fly III., 4 to 1 Charlbury, 5 to 1 Silken Prince.

Won by a length and a half; a bad third.

3.25—JUVENILE H'DLE, £80. Second £5. 1½ m.
Mr. M. Honestman's b. f. TOILET, by Toyshop—Lady Grand, 10-0 .... R. Weech 1
Mr. J. Hutton's CARE FREE, 10-9 .... F. Rees 2
Mr. G. Stone's RESILIENT, 10-0 ..... H. Gordon 3

Also ran—Bay Malley, 10-5 (L. Butchers); March Rosemary, 10-5 (Trudgill); Reading, 10-5 (Dick); Blackie, 10-5 (H. Murphy); Ultimatum, 10-5 (car. 10-6) (L. Rees). (Winner trained by H. Smyth.)

Betting—5 to 4 on Care Free, 5 to 2 agst. TOILET, 8 to 1 Resilient, 10 to 1 bar three.

Won by five lengths; a bad third.

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

The two-year-old colt Straightaway has left Newmarket for South Africa.

G. Bellhouse, the jockey, rode two winners at Calcutta on December 3—his first appearance in the saddle in India this season.

Messrs. Weatherby intimate that Front Line should not have been included in the list of scratchings in the *Calendar* of December 15 as struck out of the Victory Hurdle Race at Manchester on January 3rd and the Winter Hurdle Handicap at Lingfield.

Mr. C. H. Hudson, the well-known Derby fancier, has experienced a serious loss by the death of his pigeon, the King of Rome, which established a record in homing by flying from Rome to Derby, a distance of over 1,000 miles. The bird was 14 years old, and accomplished its great feat eight years ago. Of 102 birds that entered for the race only two finished, King of Rome returning several days before the other survivor, says the *Nottingham Guardian*.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

All engagements in Mr. S. Joel's name—Polymestor, Pomatum, Buffoon, Going Up, and Douai. All engagements in Mr. J. J. Bell-Irving's name—Cross Current, Bellpull, and Serpentine. All engagements—Baydrop, Sea Mist II., Lucky Chance (dead), and Waladia. Earlstown Hurdle, Haydock—Ballyheen. Andover Steeplechase, Newbury, and Barracks Handicap Steeplechase, Windsor—Mainsail. Bogside Hurdle, Eglinton Hunt Meeting—Marcopolis. Moderate Hurdle, Newbury—Golden Victory. Folkestone and Newbury engagements—Kallo.

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ATHLETICS.

INTER-'VARSITY RELAY RACE.

PHILADELPHIA, December 15.

The University of Pennsylvania relay team, which is to meet teams from Oxford and Cambridge in a race, the distance of which is left to the discretion of the Pennsylvania coaches, proposes to sail for London about March 20 and return April 22. Lawson Robertson, the coach of the track team, said to-day that he would take either a two or four mile combination, whichever makes the best showing in the trials. He said he had definitely decided not to take a one mile team.—(Reuter.)

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NEWBURY.

PROSPECTS OF GOOD SPORT.

Generally speaking, the entries which go towards making a well-filled programme for the old year fixture at Newbury are of much better class than we met with at Folkestone. The racing will probably be of better quality than Kempton provided, but a better lot of horses could have been expected for the Reading Steeplechase, which, in a monetary sense, is the principal event on the opening day. As usual, the hurdle races will attract the largest fields. Much rain has fallen in the district since the last meeting, when the going was decidedly firm. My selections are as follow:—

Theale Steeplechase—**Archbishop.**
Yatesbury Hurdle—**Gondolier**; if absent, **Monard.**
Reading Steeplechase—**Southern Gleam**; if absent, **Good Points.**
Didcot Hurdle—**Dinah Morris** or **Knight of Manister.**
United Services Steeplechase—**Square Up.**
Juvenile Hurdle—**Old Times** or **Yorick.**

1.0—THEALE SELLING H'CAP 'CHASE, £200. Second £5. 2 m. about 50 yds.

		Age	st.	lb.
BEDFORD ROW (Mr. T. Higgins)	E. Piggott	a	12	7
GREEN BUTTON (Mr. E. Gwilt)	Gwilt	a	11	7
FLYING TIME (Mr. F. Ingram)	Poole	a	11	5
SULTAN VI. (Miss G. Tredwell)	B. Roberts	a	11	2
HAPPY JACK II. (Capt. Powell)	Powell	a	10	12
BEN BRIDGE (Mr. F. Ingram)	Poole	a	10	8
(The above have arrived.)				
WILLIAM W. (Mr. A. Lowry)	Hastings	4	12	3
ARCHBISHOP (Mrs. C. Stevens)	Bennett	a	11	9
ROYAL TRUCE (Mr. E. Wilkes)	B. Bullock	a	11	9
ROCKLIGHT II. (in. 5lb.) (Mr. W. Harris)	Butchers	a	11	4
KING'S FAVOURITE (Mr. Reed)	R. Payne	4	10	13
SERGOI (Mr. F. Parnell)	R. Payne	4	10	13
OWEN JOHN (Sir E. Wills)	De Winton	a	10	8
ATHOS III. (Mr. T. Baker)	Yates	a	10	9

1.30—YATESBURY SELLING HURDLE, £150. Second £5. 2 m.

		Age	st.	lb.
PROMOTION (Mr. D. Benjamin)	Hulme	6	12	3
GONDOLIER (Mr. W. Allden)	Allden	6	12	3
SEATTLE (Mr. E. Gwilt)	Gwilt	6	11	12
CHARLIE WISE (Mr. O. Rayner)	East	4	11	12
BRUSSILOFF (Mr. R. Kemp)	Kemp	6	11	12
IRONORE (Mr. H. Boam)	O. Bell	4	11	7
CAMBRIDGE PRINCE (Mr. J. Owen)	T. Leader	3	10	2
(The above have arrived.)				
DOOLEY OOLEY (Mr. H. Ussher)	Ussher	a	12	3
SOMEDAY (Mr. E. Pease)	Powell	6	12	3
BALLAGHTOBIN (Mr. S. Moore)	Saxby	a	12	3
HASSO (Mr. D. Learmonth)	Yates	a	12	3
MAROC (Mrs. Croft)		a	12	3
KILNFORD (Mr. J. Bowden)	Faulkner	a	12	3
MONARD (Mr. J. Baylis)	Gore	a	11	12
SOUTH PARADE (Miss F. Bradford)	Bradford	5	11	12
JOLI COEUR (Mr. H. Bradford)	Bradford	5	11	12
ROAMER (Mr. G. Skipper)	Bennett	5	11	12
HOMOCEA (Mr. S. Stewart)	C. Young	4	11	12
EBCHESTER (Mrs. N. Brownlee)	Batho	4	11	12
ZUIDER ZEE (Mr. F. Ingram)	Poole	a	11	12
CEYX (Mr. J. Hassan)	Gwilt	a	11	12
KNIGHT OF THE AIR (Mr. H. Miller)	O. Bell	5	11	12
CHURCH HISTORY (Sir J. Buchanan)	Gore	5	11	12
PRINCESS WAVELET (Mr. R. Mitchell)	R. Gordon	4	11	12
GIANT KILLER (Mr. S. Cohen)	Woodland	6	11	12
SUBMIT (Mr. J. Coleman)	Coleman	a	11	12
THE BAIRN (Mr. J. Aitken)	Aitken	4	11	7
GLEN EAGLE (Mr. T. Edge)	Poole	4	11	7
GAMLI (Mr. S. Wootton)	Wootton	4	11	7
SIMON'S DELIGHT (Lt.-Col. C. Jickling)	Kemp	3	10	7
PANORAMA (Mr. M. Hartigan)	M. Hartigan	3	10	2

2.0—READING 'CHASE, £500. Second £75, third £25. 2 m. and about 50 yds.

		Age	st.	lb.
GAUNTIAN (Mr. C. Leake)	Gooch	4	10	7
BLAENOR (Mr. H. Peel)	Escott	4	10	7
RESCINDED (Mr. W. Redmond)	Gwilt	4	10	7
(The above have arrived.)				
KINCRAIG (Mr. A. Froud)	Davey	5	12	9
GOOD POINTS (Mr. T. O'Rourke)	Bennett	6	12	12
LADY PEASEMORE (Mr. A. Scott)	A. Scott	a	12	0
NOTHING ON (Mr. J. Stratton)	Stratton	6	12	0
GOLDEN MELODY (Mr. V. Samuel)	Gore	a	11	2
PLYMOUTH (Mr. J. Owen)	Pope	a	11	2
SOUTHERN GLEAM (Col. Sir G. Abercromby)	Gore	5	10	13
LOCK ALL (Mr. B. Parr)	H. Harrison	6	10	11
EAST SOLO (Mr. O. Dixon)	Hastings	6	10	11
NEWLANDS (Mr. O. Ismay)	Hastings	a	10	11
MABU (Capt. A. Gollan)	Poole	a	10	11
MAJOR DOMO (Lady Nelson)	Hastings	5	10	8
STEADY MARCH (Mrs. J. Hutton)	Poole	4	10	7

2.30—DIDCOT H'CAP HURDLE, £250. Second £35, third £15. 2 m.

		Age	st.	lb.
MASCOMBE (Mr. F. Fry)	Gwilt	6	12	7
KNIGHT OF MANISTER (Mr. W. Midwood)	Whitaker	4	12	4
BALTHAZAR (Major Clayton)	S. Darling	4	12	1
DOUBLE BED (Mr. O. Rayner)	East	4	11	13
PERICO (Mr. L. Lysaght)	Escott	4	11	6
MR. MADCAP (Mr. H. Hartigan)	F. Hartigan	4	11	5
GONDOLIER (Mr. W. Allden)	Allden	6	11	1
GIRVAN (Mrs. Gritt)	Gilbert	5	11	1
SABIAN (Mr. F. Ingram)	Poole	5	10	11
ROCKSPLIT (Mr. B. Fitch)	Poole	a	10	10
(The above have arrived.)				
FURIOUS (Sir G. Price)	Woodland	6	12	4
DINAH MORRIS (Sir E. Wills)	De Winton	5	12	1
FORARITY (Sir F. Price)	Gilbert	4	12	0
WINGATE (Major Swann)	Hatt	a	12	0
BARCEDO (Mr. T. Vaughan)	Ireland	a	11	12
GALROY (Lord Lascelles)	Gore	4	11	11
LITTLE LONDON (Mr. H. Hollingshead)	Private	a	11	4
HANDSWORTH (Mr. S. Wootton)	Wootton	5	11	1
HORRIBLE (Mr. E. Clark)	Savill	5	11	0
SWINERTON (Mr. M. Chapman)	C. Young	6	11	0
AHANESK (Mr. H. Bradford)	Bradford	4	10	5
BATTLE ROYAL (Mr. McGregor)	McGregor	4	10	0

3.0—UNITED SERVICES' H'CAP 'CHASE, £175. Second £25, third £10. 3 m.

		Age	st.	lb.
THE TURK II. (Mr. T. Sutton)	Hastings	a	12	7
SQUARE UP (Mr. W. Reed)	Gooch	a	11	11
DICK BEHAN (Capt. J. Powell)	Powell	a	11	2
STRUAN (Mr. H. Dennis)	D. Harrison	6	11	0
FURIA (Mr. S. Wells)	Woodland	6	10	7
(The above have arrived.)				
CARBURINE (Mrs. Rogers)	D. Rogers	a	12	7
TEMPLE BAR (Ld. Denman)	Higham	a	12	5
PRINCE CLIFTON (Mr. L. Lake)	Vasey	a	12	3
RUFUS XXI. (Lt.-Col. Brooke)	Brooke	a	11	9
MAWGOOBY (Mr. A. Collins)	Bennett	a	11	7
GRACIOUS GIFT (Mr. R. Gresson)	Newey	6	11	4
BALLYMACSEA (Capt. M. Whitaker)	H. F. Brown	a	11	1
DOWN UNDER (Maj. Cavanagh)	Private	a	11	0
MARCOGLASS (Mr. G. James)	Stock	6	10	13
KENNEY LEG (Lt.-Col. Phillips)	Roberts	6	10	13
SECRETIVE (Lt.-Col. Brooke)	Brooke	6	10	12
COCK SPARROW (Lt.-Col. Lindsay)	Lindsay	a	10	11
MACBETH (Capt. E. Stocks)	Stock	4	10	11
HARD NAIL (Ld. Denman)	Higham	6	10	7

3.30—JUVENILE HURDLE, £150. Second £20, third £5. 1½ m.

		st.	lb.
EUPHROSYNUS (Mr. S. Dennis)	Poole	11	3
FOAZAM (Lt.-Col. G. Parkinson)	J. Day	10	10
OLYMPUS (Lt.-Col. G. Parkinson)	J. Day	10	10
TUSCAN (Mr. J. Dugdale)	Escott	10	5
CORYBANT (Mr. T. Morris)	Saxby	10	5
ANTIMAGIO (Mr. J. Baylis)	T. Leader	10	5
(The above have arrived.)			
OLD TIMES (Mr. C. Taylor)	Coulthwaite	11	8
CHRISTY MINSTREL (Ld. M. Beresford)	Escott	11	3
WISE FOLLY (Mrs. A. Blain)	Spittle	11	3
DANDY BROWN (Capt. R. Smith)	Bletsoe	10	12
COEUR DE LION (Mr. M. Hartigan)	Hartigan	10	10
CARE FREE (Mr. J. Hutton)	Poole	10	10
TRASH (Mr. J. Watson)	Hastings	10	10
WOODSIDE LAD (Mr. P. Jeffrey)	Hackett	10	10
REGENT'S PARK (Mr. H. Hirst)	Tabor	10	10
END O' TALE (Mrs. A. James)	Lambton	10	10
CHIVALROUS (Mrs. S. Whitburn)	Whitaker	10	10
WARRINGTON (Mr. J. Harvie)	Whitaker	10	10
YORICK (Sir J. Buchanan)	Gore	10	10
BANKSIAN (Mr. W. Selby)	Griggs	10	10
THE CORSICAN (Mr. J. Giannelli)	Vasey	10	10
ALTNABAR (Sir G. Bullough)	Hastings	10	5
RATTLE SNAKE (Mr. P. Gilpin)	Gilpin	10	5
BATTLES (Mr. Groves)	Private	10	5
KNIGHT OF THE ORIENT (Mr. M. Hartigan)	M. Hartigan	10	5
PRIME MOVE (Mr. R. Mitchell)	R. Gordon	10	5
TOPICAL CHARLIE (Sir S. Watts)	F. Hunt	10	5
LITTLE MAIDEN (Mr. H. West)	Faulkner	10	5
POLYPHEMUS (Miss G. Tredwell)	Roberts	10	5
CROISSANT D'OR (Mr. J. Smith)	J. T. Dodd	10	5
MAIN LINE (Mr. W. Hiestt)	Hiestt	10	5
MARSH ROSEMARY (Mr. H. Carlill)	Stock	10	5
FLIGHT'S FANCY (Mr. F. Cundell)	Cundell	10	5
HERMINIUS (Mr. O. G. Anthony)	Anthony	10	5
MISS HOPSON (Mr. G. Barclay)	Barclay	10	5
CYLBURN (Mr. J. Benson)	Lowe	10	5
BAY MALLEY (Col. Sir T. Brinckman)	Butchers	10	5

ARRIVALS AND HORSES UNDER ORDERS:—Antimagio, Bedford Row, Brussiloff, Balthazar, Ben Bridge, Blaenor, Charley Wise, Corybant, Cambridge Prince, Dick Behan, Double Bed, Euphrosynus, Flurry, Foazam, Furia, Flying Time, Gautian, Girvan, Green Button, Happy Jack II., Ironore, Joseph the First, Knight of Manister, Manton, Mascombe, Mr. Madcap, Olympus, Perico, Promotion, Rescinded, Rivolted, Rosey Sun, Rocksplit, Sabian, Seattle, Square Up, Struan, Sultan VI., Tuscan, Gondolier, Herminius. Others from Wiltshire and Berkshire stables will go on this morning.

JOCKEYS INJURED.

In the fall of Sir Eyre J. Barratt sustained bruised ribs and a severe shaking.

C. Jacklin, the rider of Home Screech, had an ugly fall, but escaped with a scalp wound.

RUGBY.

LANSDOWNE V. DOLPHIN.

Dolphin, the holders of the Munster Cup, will visit Dublin next Friday to play Lansdowne at Lansdowne road.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURE.

Monkstown Schoolboys v. Belvedere Vacation XV. Sydney Parade, 2.30.

PRINCIPAL FIXTURES TO-MORROW.

Clontarf v. Bective Rangers. Castle avenue.
Lansdowne v. Armagh. Lansdowne road.
Old Wesley v. Wanderers. Donnybrook.
Palmerston v. Monkstown. Milltown.
Belfast v. Rest of Ulster (Inter-Provincial Trial). Belfast.

Monkstown Schoolboys require fixtures with similar teams on any day, except Saturdays. Hon. Secretary—J. R. Ramsey, 124 Lower Baggot street, Dublin. Schoolboys requiring matches should apply to the Hon. Secretary.

Palmerston Schoolboys v. Wesley Schoolboys.—This match was played at Milltown yesterday, and resulted in a win for Palmerston Schoolboys by 1 goal and 4 tries (17 points) to 2 tries (6 points). Healy, D. Hussey, Keogh, C. N. Kirwan, and Russell scored tries for the winners, Ruddle converting once.

ASSOCIATION.

ENGLISH AMATEUR TRIAL.

The following teams have been selected to take part in the English Amateur International trial match, to be played at Norwich on January 7th:—

North—Bell (Edmond Byers and Cambridge University); J. Thompson (Southbank), L. Crown (Redcar); E. Nattrass (Bishops Auckland), Robertson (Harrowby and Liverpool), L. B. Blaxland (Shrewsbury and Corinthians); H. Hickman (Birmingham Trams), F. N. S. Creek (Darlington and Cambridge University), T. Towse (Southbank), S. Edwards (Chester College), A. T. Davies (Delson and Corinthians). Reserves—J. Chesser (Stockton), P. Corbett (Old Wolfreunians).

South—E. H. Coleman (Dulwich Hamlet); B. H. Gates (London Caledonians), Corpl. R. Osborne (The Army); H. Figg (St. Alban's), C. T. Ashton (Cambridge University), F. V. Spiller (Oxford City); R. Thorne-Thorne (Cambridge University), E. Kail (Dulwich Hamlet), G. Ashton (Corinthians), R. Boreham (Wycombe Wanderers), and Lieut. K. E. Hegan (The Army). Reserves—E. Goodens (Wimbledon) and R. Cooper (Cheshunt).

HUNTING.

WARD UNION STAGHOUNDS.

On Boxing Day hounds kept their appointment at Nine-milestone, where an enormous concourse of sightseers had assembled. It was unfortunate that the afternoon turned out so wet. Enlarged on Mr. Plunkett's farm near Ashbourne village, but scent was very poor, so that hounds hunted slowly over Dunrea to Macheen, where they wheeled to the left through The Benees and The Court to Ballymadun. They kept on by Borranstown to the Bog of Curraha, and over the main road at Hammondtown. After a circle they got back by Cookstown to Crickstown, where the deer was safely caught.

The meet on Wednesday was at Flat House, and, after the heavy rain overnight, the country was in a very water-logged condition. Started from Mr. McCabe's farm at Raheen, and hounds hunted steadily over The Cunnans to Mullinam. Crossing the road near Mr. Brindley's house, they went through Herbertstown to Follerstown, and then, bearing right-handed, they ran very fast over Trenchyard to Piercetown. The stag took advantage of the flooded Tolka, but after some time hounds drove him out, and then followed a merry gallop over the bottoms of Rathregan to Batterstown, where the hunted one again got to the water, and it was only after much difficulty that he was caught.

THE MEATH HOUNDS.

Friday, 23rd, Moyglare.—A fair-sized field assembled. Did not find at Moyglare; there is practically no covert to hold a fox here now. Colestown was also blank, probably for the same reason, the gorse part of the covert having been cut down and burnt during the summer. For some reason, at present unknown, hounds were not allowed to draw Mulhussey, a great disappointment to all, so we had to embark on a long journey to Beltrasna. Found a fine-looking fox here. He broke at first on the Culmullen side, but was headed back by a countryman. Breaking again on the Moynalvey side, he turned left-handed, and hounds ran at best pace for 12 minutes over a fine line to ground on Mr. Molloy's lands. Found a fox at Culmullen, but he could not be induced to leave covert, so he was left. Creemore, our next draw, was blank, and so on to Pelletstown, the ever-reliable. It held, but after several rings locally hounds were whipped off, as it was four o'clock and getting dark—a disappointing day.

Monday, 26th.—A wet, though mild, day, after a stormy night. All were delighted to see General Powell again hunting hounds after his enforced absence of six weeks. Rathnally was blank. A fox found in Carrollstown gorse provided a capital gallop of 30 minutes. Leaving Meadstown gorse covert on our right, we crossed the Rathmore-Dunderry roads, and finally marked him to ground half a mile beyond Meadstown sticks. Meadstown gorse held all right, the fox making out over Dunderry road to the stick covert, where he was unaccounted for, in a storm of rain. Philpotstown and Churchtown were drawn blank.—A moderate day.

Tuesday.—Ten-Mile Bush.—Another stormy night was followed by a fine, though cold, day. Boylan's gorse provided a fox, who, breaking on the Ratoath side, looked like giving us a good hunt. Hounds tumbled out almost on top of him, and at once began to run hard up to the Fairyhouse river, where he was headed and was hunted back to covert, where he was left. Lagore was blank. Our old friend was in residence at the Poorhouse gorse, but though we were at him for an hour he refused to leave, and finally found a rabbit hole in the covert bank, into which he squeezed. From here we jogged to Gerrardstown. Found, and the fox set off on same line as last time; but, after going a few fields was badly headed and returned to covert. Breaking again, he got in in a rabbit hole on Mr. Rooney's land.—A very moderate day, brought about chiefly by the heading of foxes.

Just before I close, a word of congratulation to Will Fitzsimon on the excellent sport he has shown us during the absence of General Powell, and also to the whippers-in, Matt Murray and Pat Dunn, who have not spared themselves.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

Date—December.	Meet.	Hour.
To-morrow	Donaghmore Cross-roads	1.30

THE MEATH.

To-day	Dunsany	11.0

HUNTING FIXTURES.

QUEEN'S CO.—December—Friday, 30th, Phelan's Cross. January—Tuesday, 3rd, Fermoyle Cross roads, Durrow; Saturday, 7th, Swan; Tuesday, 10th, Harristown; Saturday, 14th, Timahoe. At 11 a.m.

WATERFORD HOUNDS.—Tuesday, January 3rd, Rathgormack; Thursday, 5th, Kildarmody Crossing; Saturday, 7th, Faha Chapel; Tuesday, 10th, Kilmacthomas; Thursday, 12th, Grace Dieu; Saturday, 14th, The Gravel (bye day). Meet at 11 o'clock.

THE ORMOND HOUNDS.—January.—Tuesday, 3rd, Ballintotty; Friday, 6th, Ballingarry House; Monday, 9th, Ardcroney; Friday, 13th, Breaghmore Bridge; Monday, 16th, Cloughjordan; Friday, 20th, Kilcarron; Monday, 23rd, 14 Ways; Thursday, 26th, Uskane Cross; Monday, 30th, Nanny Moran's Rock. Meet at 11 o'clock.

GOLF.

CLUB NOTICES AND REPORTS.

FOXROCK.—To-morrow—Handicaps by strokes. Ladies—January 3rd—January handicaps, by strokes. Holiday competition results:—December 26th—Four-ball foursomes v. bogey, 18 holes. For prizes presented by a member. D. G. F. Alexander and J. E. Beatty, all square, winners; G. P. G. Beckett and W. F. Beckett, 4 down, with two other couples, second. Single sweep v. bogey, 18 holes—J. E. Beatty, 4 down (but cannot take prize under rules of club); J. L. Crabbe, 6 down; C. H. Darley, 7 down; W. F. Beckett, 8 down; D. E. F. Alexander, 10 down. December 27th—Semi-open mixed foursomes, 18 holes v. bogey. For prizes presented by a member. W. B. Dobbs and Mrs. H. J. Millar, with 5 down, winners; H. L. Pim and Miss Allison Pim, 6 down, second; F. D. Darley and Mrs. F. C. Crawley, 7 down; H. J. Millar and Mrs. McMullen, 7 down.

LUCAN.—Saturday, 31st, semi-open mixed foursomes, 9 holes, strokes, for which one or more cards may be taken out. Draws every hour from 10.30. Result of Captain's Prize—A. Burke, 52, 10, 42; M. Owens, 50, 7, 43; D. McGrath, 53, 8, 45. The sweep was won by P. McGrath, 43, 4½, 38½.

KINGSTOWN.—St. Stephen's Day competitions, fourball v. bogey—A. R. Mallet and G. B. Moore, 4 up; W. A. McComas and J. St. C. Johnson, 3 up. Foursomes (strokes)—F. J. Ritchie and G. Titterington, 94, 13, 81; A. F. Johnstone and C. H. Redhead, 92, 11, 81. Tuesday's competitions, four-ball v. bogey—H. Dudgeon and Major Walker, 2 down; G. E. C. Browne and W. P. Toone, 2 down; R. W. Ward and A. D. Porteous, 2 down; F. J. Ritchie and G. Titterington, 2 down. Foursomes (strokes)—R. W. Ward and A. D. Porteous, 86, 3½, 82½; W. A. McComas and J. St. C. Johnson, 97, 14½, 82½.

CO. LOUTH (BALTRAY).—St. Stephen's Day sweepstakes, 18 holes—F. Kealy, 99, 16, 83; G. Hamilton, 99, 15, 84.

SUTTON.—Bank Holiday competitions—18 holes strokes—E. Doran (12), 74; W. Chapman, jun. (13), 76. Two-ball foursome (9 holes)—J. F. Garvey and G. Dudley (9½), 36½; J. Clancy and E. Doran (5), 39. Hon. Secretary's team beat Hon. Treasurer's team by one match.

BATHFARNHAM. — Ladies' Branch — January 3rd—Foursomes. Arrange partners. Draw at 10.45 18 holes v. bogey.

GRANGE.—St. Stephen's Day competitions:—Strokes, Class I.—J. A. Trotter (6), 86; W. E. Jackson (14), 86. Class II.—H. P. Macdougald (16), 88; R. Davis (25), 88. Four-ball—E. Rooney (11) and B. Maddock (15), all square.

BILLIARDS.

SET-BACK FOR INMAN.

Inman, who finished Wednesday's play with a lead of eleven points in this match at Leicester Square, was heavily out-pointed yesterday afternoon, with the result that Smith finished with a lead of 501. Inman only scored 316, with breaks of 115 and 117, but Smith, in his total of 828, made breaks of 254 (from 78 unfinished), 407, and 71. Interval scores:—Smith, 4,237; Inman, 3,736.

The evening's session was disastrous to Inman, who scored but 269 against 1,082 by Smith. The latter's breaks were 307, 331, 80, 76, and 92 (unfinished), while Inman did little of note beyond runs of 76 and 48. Closing scores:—Smith, 5,319; Inman, 4,005.

FALKINER'S BIG ARREARS.

When this heat between Newman and Falkiner in the scratch tournament was continued at Piccadilly yesterday, Newman again dominated matters. In four complete innings he averaged 166. He carried his overnight's unfinished break into 256, and after runs of 87 and 88 by Falkiner, strung together a clever all-round break of 389. Interval scores:—Newman, 4,667; Falkiner, 2,816.

In the evening Falkiner was in great form. He totalled 1,313 points for an average of 131, against Newman's score of 464. Newman's only breaks were 179 and 187, while Falkiner made 83, 95, 94, 225, 362, 89, and 251 (unfinished). Closing scores:—Newman, 5,131; Falkiner, 4,129.

AN INTERESTING TUSSLE.

M'Conachy gave a brilliant display at the afternoon session of this match of 16,000 up at Edinburgh, and got within 400 of Aiken. The Scotsman carried his unfinished effort to 187, and later put on 94, but McConachy changed the complexion of affairs with a brilliant 326, followed by 167, to which he added minor breaks. Aiken was in play at the adjournment with 70. Interval scores:—Aiken, 12,913; McConachy, 12,529.

There was some keen billiards in the evening, for after Aiken had taken his unfinished effort to 142, M'Conachy got in for runs of 169 and 129. These, however, Aiken pegged back with a brilliant 314, of which 108 were off the red. Subsequently M'Conachy had 126 and 63, but Aiken was in play at the close with 79 (unfinished). Closing scores:—Aiken, 13,501; M'Conachy, 13,203.

HOCKEY.

LEINSTER TRIAL MATCH.

The following teams have been selected to play in the trial match, Whites v. Stripes, in the College Park on Wednesday next, 4th January, at 2.30 o'clock sharp:—

WHITES—Goal, J. T. Ennis (Dublin University). Left full, A. E. Phillips (Dublin University); right full, H. Brown (Three Rock Rovers) (capt.). Left half, D. Rowlands (Monkstown); centre, P. Murdoch (Monkstown); right half, M. D. Fox (Dublin University). Forwards—Outside left, Robert Semmence (Naas); inside left, A. Le Peton (Three Rock Rovers); centre, H. Sully (Railway Union); inside right, R. S. Evans (Dublin University); outside right, J. M. Eyre (Dublin University).

STRIPES (Club Colours)—Goal, H. Jermyn (Monkstown). Left full, H. Long (Royal Hibernians); right full, G. M. Orr (Monkstown). Left half, G. Darcus (Monkstown); centre, E. Heath (Royal Hibernians); right half, Dr. Murphy (Three Rock Rovers). Forwards—Outside left, N. H. Medcalf (Dublin University); inside left, W. J. MacDonogh (Dublin University); centre, M. H. Cork (Royal Hibernians); inside right, T. Parslow (Royal Hibernians); outside right, Dr. O'Reilly (Three Rock Rovers) (capt.).

Any player unable to play should notify at once James S. M'Mahon, 38 and 39 South Great George's street.

COURSING.

MASSEREENE PARK.

HIDDEN JOKE'S SMART WIN

ALDEGROVE STAKES—For 22 bitch puppies. Winner £27 10/-, second £12 10/-, third £7 10/-, three dogs £2 10/- each.

II.
Miss Georgie beat Damall.
Ratholeigh beat Heedless Nell.
Sugar Cain a bye.
IV.
Miss Georgie beat Sugar Cain.
Ratholeigh a bye.

Mr. H. Mussen's r. f. b. Miss Georgie (Full Speed—Cheerful Beauty) and Mr. A. Ryan's bk. b. Ratholeigh (Osprey Hawk—Slow Too) divided.

BALLYCRAIGY STAKES AND WEIR CUP—For 26 dog puppies. Winner £32 10/-, second £15, third £7 10/-, four dogs £2 10/- each.

II.
Sportsman II. beat Johnson.
Craftsman beat Ulster King.
Strange Times beat The MacDermot.
Stranmillis beat Black Eagle.
Giant beat Idle Topey.
Strandtown beat Silver King II.
Kilumney a bye.
III.
Sportsman II. beat Craftsman.
Stranmillis beat Strange Times.
Kilumney beat Giant.
Strandtown a bye.
IV.
Stranmillis beat Sportsman II.
Kilumney beat Strandtown.
V.

Mr. J. Shaw's bd. d. Stranmillis (Victorious Ally—Lady Fortuna) beat Mr. M. Buckley ns. r. f. d. Kilumney (Victorious Ally—Veto II.).

LOUGH NEAGH STAKES AND CROMAC CUP.—For 17 all-ages. Winner £20 and Cup, second £10, third £6, five dogs £3 each.

II.
Hidden Talent beat Determined Display.
Strange Light beat Missing Money.
Hidden Joke beat Free Gift XI.
Lady Lisburn beat Belfast Wonder.
Conundrum a bye.
III.
Hidden Talent beat Strange Light.
Hidden Joke beat Conundrum.
Lady Lisburn a bye.
IV.
Lady Lisburn beat Hidden Talent.
Hidden Joke a bye.
V.

Mr. T. Harte's r. d. Hidden Joke (Enoch—Monotone) beat Mr. J. Shaw's bd. b. Lady Lisburn (Dick the Liar—Ashleaf).

BALLINDERRY STAKES—For 31 all-ages. Winner £32, second £14, two dogs £4 each, four dogs, £2 each.

II.
Massereene Arms beat Decisive Display.
Delightful Decision beat Dark River.
Man of the Moon beat Tut Tut III.
Shireen beat Glad Neck II.
Clashanure beat Bonnie Dewdrop.
Enchore Again beat Genestica.
Earl's Rose beat Glad Eye VIII.
Nanna's Darling beat Gate End.
III.
Delightful Decision a bye, Massereene Arms drawn.
Shireen beat Man of the Moon.
Clashanure beat Enchore Again.
Earl's Rose beat Nanna's Darling.
IV.
Shireen beat Delightful Decision.
Earl's Rose beat Clashanure.
V.

Mr. D. Read's r. f. b. Earl's Rose (Kaiser II.—Royal Blue) beat Mr. J. S. Shaw's bd. d. Shireen (Harmonicon—Lady Charming).

The puppy Hidden Joke accomplished an uncommonly smart performance at Massereene Park yesterday, when he won the Lough Neagh Stakes, and credited his owner, Mr. Thomas Harte, with his second victory in this stake, to which is added the Cromac Challenge Cup. Before the deciding course Hidden Joke's kennel companion, Hidden Talent, had gone down before Lady Lisburn. The latter had run her course so brilliantly that her ultimate victory seemed assured; but, although she made a gallant effort, she was two lengths short of Hidden Joke's pace, and, when she killed, the youngster was a very meritorious winner. To have administered such a dressing to a bitch of Lady Lisburn's class proves beyond doubt that Hidden Joke is a puppy a cut above the average. In fact, he must be reckoned as the speediest seen out so far, and it would not, after his running this week, be wise to underestimate his Irish Cup prospects. On the flat of Clounanna he must go even faster than he would up the incline at Massereene Park, should all go well with him in the interval.

Apart from Hidden Joke's victory, the only feature of the day was the defeat of Damall by Miss Georgie in the Aldegrove Stakes, but luck was the deciding factor in this case. Had the hare kept a straight course Damall must have led her opponent some lengths, but in the last few strides pussy swung round to Miss Georgie, who was thus enabled to get the turn on a big inside, and she at once went in to kill. Ratholeigh had the bye, and a division was agreed to.

Stranmillis proved easily the best of the dog puppies, and a smart one in Earl's Rose won the Ballinderry Stakes. The weather was a great improvement on that of Wednesday, and the coursing was of a better type also, but the attendance was small.

WESTMEATH CLUB.

JAMESTOWN STAKES.

In the report of the Westmeath (Mullingar) meeting in yesterday's issue it should have been stated that in the third round Auchafod beat Ballymakeegan Rebel, and divided with Legnacona.

LAWN TENNIS.

THE DAVIS CUP COMPETITION.

NEW YORK, December 10.

Letters inviting challenges for the Davis Cup, emblematic of the world's team tennis championship, were mailed to-day to competing nations of past years by the United States Lawn Tennis Association. The communication calls attention to the fact that challenges for the 1922 competition will close on March 15th.

"Judging from letters received since the completion of the 1921 matches," the invitation states, "this contest has aroused more widespread interest throughout the world than ever before. This makes it the more appropriate to point out again the fundamental service the Davis Cup contests can perform in stimulating still further friendly rivalry and good feeling between the tennis playing nations of the world.

"To accomplish this result it seems desirable that each contest should, whenever possible, be played in the country of one of the competing nations. Such action will lend interest to the various nation's schedules by providing an international match, will tend to lessen the expense of travelling, and will best serve the purpose for which this competition was established. It is the recommendation of this Association, therefore, that an earnest effort be made by all competing nations to play at least their early matches in one or the other's country."—(Reuter.)

ALL-ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS.

HOLDERS TO PLAY THROUGH.

It will be recalled that as the outcome of W. T Tilden, the world's lawn tennis champion, offering to play through at Wimbledon, a plebiscite of the players in the last championship meeting was taken as a guide to general opinion on the subject, when the majority were in favour of the holder playing through.

We are now officially informed that the Lawn Tennis Championship Committee, representing the L.T.A. and the All-England Club, have despatched a letter to W. T. Tilden and Mdlle. Lenglen, R. Lycett and Max Woosnam, the Singles and Doubles Champions, giving them the option of either standing out until the challenge round or playing through next year, it at the same time being intimated that in 1923 and onwards the holders shall play through. It has been considered expedient to give the holders next year the right of defending their titles under the conditions that existed when they won them this year. By this vital decision the Championship Committee have come into line with America.

BOXING.

THE MIDDLE-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

NEW YORK, December 13.

Tex Rickard, fight promoter, to-day handed the Middle-weight Champion, Johnny Wilson, a cheque for 35,000 dollars to cover his end of the bout with Bryan Downey, of Cleveland, in Jersey City last September. The money had been withheld by Rickard at the request of the New Jersey State Boxing Commission, who accused the champion of not putting forth his best efforts, compelling his opponent to do nearly all the leading. With his manager, Wilson called on Rickard, and is said to have agreed, after receiving the cheque, that he would box any opponent Rickard might select before January 5th, the contest to take place in the middle of the following month. The terms were not announced. Wilson's opponent probably will be Harry Greb, of Pittsburgh. His selection is said to hinge solely on his ability to make 11st. 6lbs., the middle-weight limit at 2 o'clock on the day of the contest. In Greb's most recent bout here his weight was given as 11st. 7½lbs.—(Reuter.)

U.S. LIGHT-WEIGHT'S HONOUR.

NEW YORK, December 13.

Tex Rickard to-night offered Benny Leonard, Light-weight Boxing Champion, fifty per cent. of the receipts of a bout between the champion and either Lew Tendler, of Philadelphia, or Sailor Friedman, the Chicago light-weight. Tendler and Friedman have informed Rickard that they would consent to a title match against Leonard without demanding any financial reward. The only stipulation Rickard made in his latest offer was that Leonard should weigh in at 9st. 9lbs. at 2 o'clock on the day of the bout.—(Reuter.)

MATT WELLS AGAIN BEATEN.

Kid Lewis blossomed forth in a new role last night, when he re-opened Premierland, East London, as a boxing venue. The star turn in the big programme was the return 15 rounds match between Ted Moore, a Plymouth welter-weight, and Matt Wells, the ex-light-weight champion. The previous meeting resulted in a points win for Moore. Last night's encounter was a disappointing affair, with a great deal of clinching and holding and very little clean boxing. Moore was the taller and heavier, and generally did the better work against an opponent who was always trying to cramp his boxing. Wells was rugged and rough, and Moore was an easy winner on points at the finish.

A STRENUOUS BOUT.

At the Ring, Blackfriars, London, last night Johnny Curley (Lambeth) beat Bill Handley (Hackney) on points after fifteen strenuous rounds. Handley was the better stylist and faster scorer at long range, but Curley was strong and aggressive and wore his man down from the half-distance.

COLLISIONS AT SEA.

STEAM TRAWLER SUNK

Lloyd's report no fewer than three collisions at sea.

During Wednesday night the Aberdeen steam trawler, Joseph Hodgkins, and the Grimsby steam trawler, Cuirass, collided while off Maughold Head. A telegram from Fleetwood says that the Joseph Hodgkins sank almost at once, having been struck amidships, but the crew was saved by the Cuirass.

The French four-masted auxiliary schooner, Martha, returned to Fleetwood yesterday with her bowsprit broken and her stem considerably damaged. The captain reported that his vessel had been in collision with an unknown steamer off the Calf-of-Man.

When the British steamer Echo came to anchor off Terneuzen (Holland) on the 27th inst., the captain reported that she had collided with a steamer (supposed to be the German ship Grimm), and that several plates had been indented. The cargo was undamaged.

CHURCH FINANCE.

FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME.

In a review of vital matters concerning the life and work of the Church of England for the year that is drawing to a close reference is made to the way in which Church finance generally has suffered, in common with all other large voluntary institutions, through the difficulties of the time.

For the current year a sum of £338,000 was budgeted for by the Central Board of Finance and approved by the National Assembly. Of this total £120,000 was to be allocated to the maintenance of the clergy. Up to the middle of December, however, little more than a quarter of the sum asked for had come in, and this in spite of several appeals.

Owing to the heavy taxation and the widespread financial difficulties, the Diocesan Boards have found themselves not only unable to pay their quota to the central fund, but they have experienced grave difficulty in raising funds for purely diocesan needs. In the same way the parishes have been unable to raise the necessary money for their diocesan quota.

It is felt, however, that the bottom has been touched, and there is reason for hoping that the financial situation will show an improvement in 1922. Great reliance is placed on the free will offering scheme which is being strongly recommended to parishes by the Central Board of Finance. Wherever this system has been introduced the parish finances have shown a marked improvement, and it is hoped that before long this new method of Church finance may be adopted by every parish in England.

WITCH DOCTOR.

CHILD SACRIFICED TO CURE CROPS.

Horrible deeds done because of the survival of the belief in witchcraft led to the sacrifice of a small black child at the instigation of a witch-doctor, says the Johannesburg Correspondent of the Central News.

The boy was murdered in the Stegi neighbourhood, because the witch-doctor wanted some "muti" for crop-doctoring. He told two natives that he wanted the body of a native child, and mentioned the family from which it was to be taken.

The natives went to the kraal indicated, and there found three children at play. Two of the children ran away when the strangers appeared, but the youngest was attacked. The two murderers beat out his brains, and then cut off his ears, nose, arms, and other portions of the body, the dismembered corpse being thrown into a deep pool with a heavy stone attached to it.

When the child was missed, the footprints of the two murderers were seen, as well as the marks of blood on the ground. The footprints led to the pool, into which divers went and recovered the mutilated remains. One of the murderers was questioned, and he confessed his share in the horrible crime. His confederate was also arrested, and then the witch-doctor was placed with them in jail.

Through some negligence, however, the witch-doctor and one of the other prisoners escaped and got away.

MONEY-LENDER CLUBBED.

POLICE CONSTABLE CHARGED.

At Bow street Police Court, London, Police Constable Frank Maurice Wright (29) was further remanded on the charge of causing grievous bodily harm to Mr. Charles Douglas Simpson, moneylender, by striking him on the head with his truncheon. The charge had been reduced from one of attempted murder.

The defendant, who was stated to have obtained various advances from the prosecutor during the last two years, called at his office on December 12 and offered to pay an instalment of £1. It is alleged that while Mr. Simpson was making an endorsement on the promissory note the defendant struck him on the back of the head with his truncheon. After being arrested he said that he became indignant at a request made by Mr. Simpson in regard to procuring young girls, and lost control of himself. Mr. Simpson emphatically denied this suggestion.

Mrs. Eva Annie Simpson, wife of the prosecutor, said that hearing screams in the office she ran in, and found the defendant holding her husband against some folding doors, with his hand over his mouth. She rushed at the defendant, and, seizing him by the shoulders, turned him round, and said, "What have you done this for?" The defendant replied, "You go and get a bandage. Can't you see blood?" She remained with the defendant for a minute or so until assistance arrived.

MOTOR DOWN EMBANKMENT.

While Griffiths Hughes, fishmonger, Portmadoc, accompanied by two friends, was motoring a few miles from Blaenau-Festiniog, Merionethshire, the back axle of the motor broke, and the car travelled backwards down a steep gradient.

Seeing their perilous position, the occupants jumped out of the car, which later rolled over a steep embankment, and was badly damaged.

Hughes received serious injuries to the head and suffered greatly from shock. Francis Evans, of Festiniog, was injured on the hand and leg. All had a marvellous escape from death.

FEWER DIVORCES.

The striking feature about the Scottish divorce statistics for 1921, is a drop of 282 cases from last year. The number of petitions in 1920 reached the record total of 810, and this year the number is down to 528.

This indicates that the rush of divorces attributable to war conditions has been checked, although there is a considerable way to travel back to the normal pre-war figure.

Decrees were refused in only 14 cases. Husbands were petitioners in 284 cases and wives in 244.

There were 380 actions on the ground of infidelity, and 148 on the ground of desertion.

COMMANDER LOCKER-LAMPSON.

Commander Oliver Locker-Lampson, member for Huntingdonshire, has tendered his resignation as candidate in the Unionist interest at the next General Election, having accepted an invitation to contest the Handsworth Division of Birmingham.

WAGES IN THE BOOT TRADE.

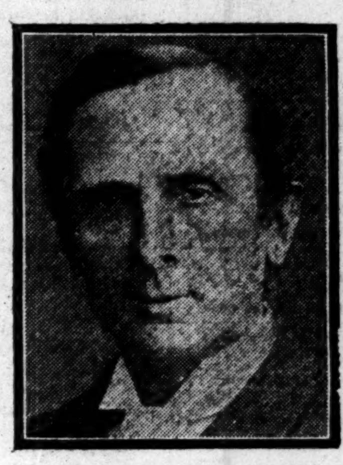
The delegate conference of the National Union of Boot and Shoe Operatives at Leicester yesterday, after a prolonged sitting, approved the reductions of wages recently recommended by the joint conference of the employers' and men's organisations as the best terms the council could secure. Strong protests were made, however, that the proposals were premature.

GIRL LEADER OF THIEVES.

At St. Helens a girl, aged 16, and five boys, all under 12, were convicted of a series of burglaries and robberies of money and goods from offices, shops, a church, and other buildings. The girl, who was stated to have been the leader, was sent to a home; her younger brother and three other boys were ordered to be birched, and the fifth was sent to a reformatory.

CHEAPER FARES COMING.

It is announced officially that the English railway companies will be in a position to restore tourist tickets during the next holiday season, and the companies are already busily preparing plans for circular and other tours in all parts of Great Britain. It is also announced that the charge for market tickets is to be reduced from a fare and a-half to a fare and a-third for a double journey.



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MISSING WOMAN MYSTERY.

Investigations made by the police at certain Paris banks have shown that the man suspected of being responsible for the disappearance of Mlle. Delbreuve had only deposited small amounts. Some of the documents found are to be closely examined.

The aunt of the accused has declared to the police that he had transferred to his own name 200,000 francs belonging to her, and she declares that her nephew owes her a further 26,300 francs. On the other hand, no trace can be found of the 100,000 francs said by the papers to have been found on the man when he committed suicide.

CAPTURED AT SEA.

John George Rose, ship's fireman, Sunderland, was fined 50s. at Goole for stealing a bicycle. Constable Judd said that on Saturday he saw Rose with a bicycle and, being suspicious, questioned him. Later he found that Rose had stolen the bicycle and had boarded a ship that had just sailed. He at once proceeded by train to Hull, where he engaged a cutter, and was able to intercept the vessel, which was sailing for Bruges. He arrested the prisoner and brought him to Goole.

FAMOUS TAPESTRIES.

The Vienna Correspondent of the *Chicago Tribune* wires:—

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"Vienna newspapers emphasise the fact that America's permission is still necessary before the sale can be made."

MORTALITY RATES.

The English Registrar-General reports that the average rate of mortality in the 96 great towns of England and Wales last week was 14.6. The highest was Wakefield (37) and the lowest Exeter (5).

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James Heffernon, labourer and Army pensioner, was yesterday sent for trial to the Dublin City Sessions by Mr. Cooper, K.C., in the Northern Police Court, charged with having falsely represented that he was out of work, with the object of obtaining unemployment benefit from the County Dublin War Pensions Committee amounting in the aggregate to £152. The prisoner was employed as a clerk by the Kingstown Urban District Council, and was engaged by Mr. Barry, the Council's Surveyor, that while he was receiving unemployment grant from the Pensions Committee he was working and receiving wages weekly from the Council.

Miss Withers, Assistant Secretary to the Pensions Committee, stated that the prisoner presented a declaration to the effect that he was out of employment on each occasion when he received the money from the Pensions Committee.

The declaration purported to have been signed by Sergeant Black, Kingstown, who stated that the signature was a forgery.

LANDRU GETTING BETTER.

Landru is rapidly recovering from his illness at Versailles Prison. He is no longer obliged to keep to his bed, and is busy reading the dossier of his case.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

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Candidates not already on the organising staff of the Commissioners must be not more than 35 years of age on the 1st January, 1922; but for Teachers of National Schools, who are eligible for appointment, the limit of age is 39 years.

Particulars and Forms of Application may be obtained from the Office of National Education. The Forms should be returned, with copies of not more than five testimonials, to "The Secretaries, Office of National Education, Dublin," not later than the 16th January 1922.

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By Order,
W. J. DILWORTH,
A. N. BONAPARTE WYSE,
Secretaries.
Office of National Education, Dublin,
29th December, 1921.

COUNTY KILKENNY FARMERS AND THE TREATY.

A Public Meeting of the Farmers of the County of Kilkenny will be held at the COURTHOUSE, KILKENNY, on SATURDAY NEXT, 31st DECEMBER, 1921, at 2 o'clock, p.m., to decide on the action to be taken in connection with the Treaty under discussion by Dail Eireann.—P. M'GRATH, Secretary, Co. Kilkenny Farmers' Organisation.

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TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

General Inference—An anti-cyclone off our South-West coast will cause north-west to west winds, with fair, cold weather, except in Ireland, where the wind will be south-westerly, and the weather cloudy, with some rain, these latter conditions becoming general by Saturday, with the advance of a new depression.

Ireland.—N.W., N.E., S.E. and S.W.—Fresh to strong south-westerly wind; much cloud; some rain; visibility fair to indifferent; mild.

Dixon and Hempenstall, Barometers and Forecasters, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

HIGH WATER AT DUBLIN BAR.

To-day....	Morning	—	Evening	0. 6
To-morrow..		0.24	,, ...	0.21

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

To-day....	Rises ..	8.40	Sets	4.15
To-morrow..	,, ..	8.40	,, ...	4.16
LIGHTING-UP TIME			....	5.15 P.M.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TO-DAY.

Gaiety Theatre—"Aladdin," 2 and 7.30.
Empire Theatre—"The Girl in the Taxi," 6.45 and 8.45 p.m.
Abbey Theatre—"The Pot of Broth" and "The Suburban Groove," 8.15.
Queen's Theatre—"Jack and Jill," 6.45 and 9.
Theatre Royal—Hippodrome, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre—6.45 and 9 p.m.
La Scala—Pictures, continuous.
Kingstown Pavilion—Pictures, continuous.
Grand Central Cinema—Pictures, continuous.
Pillar Picture House—Continuous.
A Nativity Play, The Hall, 18 Lower Leeson street, at 3 o'clock.
Lantern Lecture, "Old Corps Club," 24 Rathmines road, at 8 o'clock.
R.D.S. Lecture—4 o'clock.
Wexford Meeting re Peace Treaty.

NEWS SUMMARY.

As the result of conferences which took place in Dublin yesterday, the threatened railway strike has been postponed until January 15. Negotiations will be carried on meanwhile.—(P. 5.)

Various Irish public bodies yesterday passed resolutions urging ratification of the Peace Treaty.—(P. 5.)

Colonel Allen, M.P., at Portadown on Wednesday night, protested against the Government's proposal to review the boundaries of the Northern Parliamentary area.—(P. 6.)

France has definitely declined to limit her submarine fleet in accordance with the American scheme. Mr. Balfour said that the British Government was bound to regard this attitude as a serious menace to Great Britain's security.—(P. 5.)

Herr Rathenau, with other German economic experts, has arrived in Paris, where the Reparations Commission is meeting. The Commission indicated to the German delegates yesterday that it would be impossible to consider Germany's request for a *moratorium* without a fuller knowledge of her economic condition.—(P. 5.)

Conditions in Egypt are approaching the normal. Students are carrying on an anti-British campaign which includes the boycott of British goods.—(P. 5.)

The Indian National Congress has passed a resolution which makes Mr. Gandhi its sole executive authority.—(P. 5.)

London Stock markets were quietly firm. Lever issues were good. The money market was under great pressure. In Dublin there was nothing doing.—(P. 7.)

DR. ETHEL M. LUCE.

Dr. Ethel M. Luce has been elected to a Beit Memorial Fellowship for Medical Research. Dr. Luce is a distinguished graduate of Dublin University, and a sister of the Rev. Dr. Luce, F.T.C.D. She has held many important positions, including that of assistant medical officer to the London County Councils, and since last March she has been working for the Medical Research Council on accessory food factors at the Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine. She proposes to continue her research work on this subject.

BISHOP OF LONDON.

Last night's bulletin stated that the Bishop of London had been rather better, but there had been little change in his general condition.

Ireland's Railway Problem.

If patriotism and common-sense had not intervened at the last moment, next Monday would have found Ireland in the throes of a big railway stoppage. The companies had decided to enforce Mr. Carrigan's award on the 1st January; and the men, undeterred by the lack of support from their union's headquarters in London, had decided to resist by means of a general strike. Yesterday, however, there were conferences in Dublin under the auspices of *Dail Eireann*, with the result that the danger, if it has not been averted, has been postponed. The Great Southern and Western Company has consented to defer the enforcement of the Carrigan award until the 15th January, and we may assume that most of the other companies will follow its example. The country will welcome this fortunate development. Apart from its calamitous effects on trade and industry, an immediate railway strike would have impaired the prospects of political settlement. It might have delayed the ratification of the Peace Treaty by preventing the return of many deputies to Dublin. It would have introduced new elements of confusion and unrest into a situation which already gives cause for anxiety. In the present *interregnum*, when one Government virtually has ceased to function and its successor is still unborn, the peace of Ireland depends upon the restraint and public spirit of her sons of all parties and creeds. Many persons are ready to break the law—and are breaking it—for sordid purposes. Others who do not want peace know that their opportunity of thwarting the peace-makers is nearing its end. A great railway strike, with its turmoil and incitements to disorder, would have played into the hands of such people. It would have been a crime against Ireland.

The interlude of seventeen days will be pregnant with significance. It will separate the old Ireland from the new. It will transform every aspect of every national problem, including the railway problem. Hitherto there have been three active parties to all matters concerning the Irish railways. The men have fought for their own hand, under the feeble direction—as often disregarded as obeyed—of a British trade union. The railway companies have fought for themselves and their shareholders. The British Government has controlled the larger issues of Irish railway policy with little or no regard for Irish conditions—a fact which explains many features of the existing situation. Of this three-cornered contest the Irish people, though vitally concerned, have been helpless spectators. They have paid the piper, but have not been allowed to call the tune. Every battle has been fought round questions of wages and hours, and in recent years the people's claims upon the national asset of their railways have been ignored. To-day we are on the eve of a great change. If the Peace Treaty is ratified next week—and the country insists that *Dail Eireann* shall ratify it—an Irish Provisional Government will come promptly into office. There is no reason why it should not be in office on or before the 15th of January. In that event the nation, through its Provisional Government, will have what it never had before—a powerful voice in the settlement of an Irish railway crisis. We assume that, whatever may happen in the interval, the Provisional Government will not tolerate a general strike. It will demand a settlement, with due regard for the legitimate interests of the companies and of their servants; but it will put in the forefront—happy and momentous innovation!—the legitimate interests of the Irish people.

We do not know how the present dispute will be settled; but we do know the general principles which any Irish Government that understands its business and respects its mandate will impose on the administration of the Irish railways. They must be run for the benefit of the country at large. They must become a pioneer of national progress rather than a drag upon it. They must furnish well-equipped highways for the nation's traffic at economic rates. Any persons, whether railway directors or railway servants, who by lack of enterprise or through selfishness obstruct these reforms must be held responsible to the tribunal of a public opinion which will be no longer powerless or apathetic. One thing is certain. In the near future the conditions of service on the Irish railways must be adjusted to the needs of a small and still undeveloped State. In this imperfect world men cannot eat their cake and have it. Ireland cannot make a success of self-government unless all her sons are prepared to pay for the boon—if it is to be a boon—with the toil of their hands and brains and with some sacrifice of ease and leisure. The new Ireland will expect much from the railway companies and something also from their servants. The national railway system must be reconstituted on a basis of more work or of less wages: there is no other way.

Dr. Rathenau in Paris.

In view of the delicate situation which has arisen between Britain and France over the question of submarine tonnage, the visit of Dr. Walther Rathenau to Paris is very significant. Germany has announced definitely that she cannot pay the reparation instalments which will fall due within the next two months. Of the 500,000,000 gold marks which she will be required to deliver in January she asserts that she cannot raise more than 250,000,000 without encroaching on her gold reserve; and, in regard to the February instalment, she will be also in serious default. To avert bankruptcy Dr. Rathenau sought a *moratorium* in England, but failed to secure the aid of the great London banks. Now he has gone to Paris, where he will try to negotiate directly with M. Briand's Government. France, of course, is Germany's principal creditor, and every Briton would rejoice if Dr. Rathenau should be able to make a reasonable bargain. Britain's interest in reparations is confined virtually to their reaction on the world's trade. She knows that her taxpayers are never likely to get any relief through German payments, and would be very glad if the whole business could be settled without further ado. Nevertheless, the Allies, in theory, still conduct their dealings with Germany in concert. Hitherto Britain has sacrificed her own business interests for the sake of France, and common courtesy demands that no arrangement shall be made with Dr. Rathenau without her consent, or, at the very least, her knowledge. The *Entente* at present is in grave danger. Germany must not be allowed to complete its disruption.

French Servants.

Some 2,000 Parisian housewives have asked the French Government to abrogate the law which entitled registry offices to 3 *per cent.* of domestic servants' wages for the first year, and made the employer responsible for the whole of this amount. Before the war the average wage of an ordinary servant in Paris was about 40 francs a month, or £1 12s. in English money. Now it is about 150 francs, or, at the present rate of exchange, £3 in English money. Consequently, the registration fee has become quite an appreciable drain on the employer's purse. Furthermore, as the domestic servant has no registration fee to pay, she has every temptation to flit from place to place. The registry offices stand to gain by such a frequent changing of mistresses, and the latter are victimised every time. In Paris, just as in Dublin, the demand for servants far exceeds the supply, and the housewife must be content with whatever she can get. The ladies who have signed the petition say that it is only fair that the registration fee should be halved between the mistress and the servant. If the latter should prove satisfactory and remain in her position for six months, the mistress would reimburse her; but if she should leave before six months, she would forfeit this right. These demands seem to be very reasonable; every Irish housewife will applaud them.

Coal and Butter.

The official returns of the coal industry for the week ended December 17th proved that the miners have learned their lesson at last. Unfortunately, they have learned it too late. During that week the output of coal was 5,026,000 tons, compared with 4,855,100 tons in the preceding week and 5,307,000 in the corresponding week of December, 1920. The colliers now are working with a will, but they have destroyed their markets and there is little demand for their coal. Prices are still too high to enable blast furnaces to resume their activities; ocean liners and vessels of all descriptions are burning oil instead of coal; and the domestic consumer has accustomed himself to doing without his pre-war fire. Nemesis has overtaken the coal-miners. They had a long run for their money, but now they are face to face with the harsh reality of economic retribution. They are not alone in their trial. The farmers, too, are being taught a lesson. For years they charged exorbitant prices for their butter. Now, our London Correspondent tells us, butter is a drug on the market and is being sold in England for 1s. 6d. a pound. The public has discovered that it can do without butter as well as without coal. We are sorry for the farmers, just as we are sorry for the miners; but, if people will defy economic law, they must be prepared to take the consequences.

German Motor Cars.

Germany is attacking British industry in many fields, but in none is she making a greater effort than in the motor trade. Helped by the cheapness of the mark, she is exporting her motor cars to every country in the world; and, whereas in 1913 her total exports in this category amounted only to 9,732 tons, in 1920 they reached 43,740 tons. Before the war Spain used to buy 189 tons of motor cars from Germany; now she buys 7,000 every year. Holland's share was 478 tons; now it is 7,500. Even America is importing motor cars from Germany, and Britain's supply has increased from 673 tons in 1913 to 3,519 tons last year. The only country which refuses to buy German cars to any great extent is France, but all the Scandinavian countries are buying heavily, while Finland, Portugal, and the various colonies of the European Powers are flooding the German factories with orders. Furthermore, this "boom" is not a mere flash in the pan. Intensive propaganda is in progress, and the British motor car is being elbowed quietly out of the world's markets. Unfortunately, there is no apparent remedy for this deplorable condition of affairs. So long as British labour costs remain at their present level, and while the mark bears such a fantastic ratio to sterling, Germany will be able to undersell her rivals in every branch of industry.

SEASHORE LIFE.

DENIZENS OF ROCK POOLS.

The second of the series of lectures for juveniles arranged by the Royal Dublin Society was delivered yesterday in the Lecture Theatre, Leinster House, Dublin, by Professor J. Bayley Butler, M.B.E., M.A., who spoke on the subject of "Rock Pools and Seashore Life."

No part of nature, said Professor Butler, is so rich in harvest and variety as that fringe of "No Man's Land" where land and water struggle eternally for supremacy. Waves dash against and eat away rocky cliffs, while rivers fill up wide bays with new earth. As we pass along an undulating sand dune the waxen grey leaves and flowers of the sea holly make an attractive contrast to the trumpet flowers of the convolvulus. Here and there we see the long underground stems of the marram grass which bind together the loose sands of the dune.

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When the grassy covering of the dune is broken, for instance, by rabbit burrows, the wind often cuts into the sand and blows it away. Strong prevailing winds often cause whole dunes to move, grain by grain, so that they may travel considerable distances inland, overwhelming cultivated land, forests, or even houses. An interesting example was the mansion and gardens of Viscount Boyne, which were invaded by sand and submerged about 1784, and subsequently uncovered as a ruin. The razor-bill lives in a burrow in the sand, where it is much sought after by fishermen, who catch it with a long barbed steel spear. It is a shy animal, and has to be looked for carefully.

On no account must your shadow fall on it, as it would pop down at once into its burrow, its retreat being marked by a fountain of water and sand. On the rocks barnacles and limpets occur plentifully. Limpets can wander freely in search of food, but the barnacles are fixed. They have a curious habit of life, since they stand on their heads and kick their food into their mouths by their numerous feet. Anyone who has tried to open an oyster must wonder how a delicate creature like the flat fish can accomplish this feat, but patience is the "open sesame," or rather oyster, in this case. The oyster can offer an immense resistance, but only for a time; whereas, though the efforts of the flat fish are slight in comparison, still, as he can keep it up for an almost indefinite period, the victory is to him in the end.

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The mussel is extensively cultivated in France, where an important mussel farm exists near La Rochelle. They are grown on hurdles of *buchots* planted in the mud of the foreshore. The method was invented by a shipwrecked Irishman named Walton so long ago as 1235, who used a purse cut on stakes to catch sea birds. He found that the stakes themselves were an easier source of food, for they harboured thousands of mussels.

This discovery led to the use of hurdles, and at the present day there are 130 miles of hurdles in rows in the bay. The mussel spat or young attach themselves to the *buchots* nearest the open sea, where the mussel farmers collect them. They are placed in small nets or bags and tied to the *buchots* nearest the shore, where the feeding is richer and they are easier to collect. In time the bags rot away, but the mussels remain, attached by the threads or byssus they secrete. Before the war the annual income of this farm was over £50,000.

The third lecture will be delivered this afternoon at 4 o'clock by Mr. F. W. Warwick, B.A., on "A Visit to a Steel Works."

The Lord Chancellor and the Attorney-General have appointed a Committee, of which the Attorney-General will be Chairman, to consider the position of the Crown as a litigant, and to make such proposals for the modification of the existing law upon the subject as may best conduce to efficiency and economy, with due regard to the special necessity for safeguarding the collection of the revenue.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

VICEREGAL LODGE, DUBLIN, THURSDAY.

Her Excellency the Viscountess FitzAlan of Derwent, accompanied by Mrs. Wyndham Quin, and attended by Captain the Hon. Gerald Browne, A.D.C., visited the Irish Industries this afternoon.

Mr. J. A. F. Dalgety, 15th Hussars, had the honour of being invited to dine with Their Excellencies this evening.

Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, and the Earl of Athlone arrived at the Hook of Holland from England yesterday on a visit to the Dutch Royal family at The Hague. Princess Alice is the daughter of the Duchess of Albany, sister of the Dutch Queen Mother.

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Since the news of the seasonable fall of snow was received bookings for the various Swiss resorts have rivalled those for the South of France. The Duke and Duchess of Sutherland spent Christmas at St. Moritz, but will return to London next week. The Earl and Countess of Morton, with a family party, are at Montana, where are also Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Stuart Anderson, Captain and Mrs. Donnelly, and Mr., Mrs., and the Misses Digby. The Hon. Lionel and Mrs. Tennyson are staying on at St. Moritz, where Major Viscount Gort, V.C., has just arrived.

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Dr. Armstrong, the well-known Buxton specialist, who generally spent the winter months at Hyères, has been officially appointed consulting physician to the Prince of Monaco, and is now in residence at Monte Carlo, where many visitors are arriving daily. Among the latest from England are Field-Marshal Earl French, Lord Nunburnholme, whose mother, Florence Lady Nunburnholme, is spending the winter at La Pastourelle, her villa at Nice; Admiral Sir Adolphus and Lady FitzGeorge and Miss Florence Watson, Lady Tennant, Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Cooper-Smith, and Sir Henry and Lady Samuelson.

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Miss Eileen Berry, who has revived the Gelligeer Hunt, is an enthusiastic sportswoman and daring rider. Though only sixteen years of age, she has been appointed Master, and is the youngest M.F.H. on record.

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January 21st is the date fixed for the marriage of Lady Vera Grimston, youngest daughter of the Earl and Countess of Verulam, and Mr. Maurice Headlam, who is well known in Dublin, where he was Treasury Remembrancer for some years. The ceremony will take place at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar square, London.

A Grand Ball will be held under distinguished patronage at St. Helen's, Booterstown, by kind permission of Sir Harold and Lady Nutting, on Friday, January 27th, 1922. Dancing 9.30 p.m. Manahan's Band (personally conducted). Mills' supper. Tickets—Gentlemen 25s. 6d., Ladies 22s. 6d., to 20th prox. (afterwards 2s. 6d. each extra)—obtainable from the Hon. Sec., Mrs. Dease, O.B.E., Rath House, Ballybrittas. Or from the Hon. Treasurer, Ronald Nutting, Esq., Castleknock Lodge, Co. Dublin. Or at Brigade Headquarters, 40 Merrion square, Dublin.

"Worth Waiting For."—Switzer's Sale commences on Monday next.—Grafton street.

Holmes' Winter Sale commences Monday next. Wonderful Reductions in Fur Coats, Capes, Wraps, Costumes, Coats, etc.—69, 70, 71 George's street.

Sale, for two weeks only, beginning Monday, 2nd January, 1922.—Campbell and Strahan, Ltd., Ladies' Tailors, 11 Wicklow street.

Alteration Clearance Sale now proceeding. Stock must be cleared regardless of cost.—Siberian Fur Co., 8 Grafton street, Dublin.

Sale, Sale, Sale. We are making very special reductions from to-day of all our Winter Goods. N.B.—We are clearing our stock of Wool Sports Coats and Jumpers at less than half cost price. Slyne, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

ARRIVALS AT KINGSTOWN BY ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hyde, R. R. McDonnell, Captain G. E. Wadley.

DEPARTURES FROM KINGSTOWN BY ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.—J. Norman, Mr. and Mrs. R. Barlow, Miss Eileen M. Magill, Francis O'Donnell, F. A. Rooker, Dr. J. G. Bird, S. G. Smyth, James H. Davies, Henry Davies, R. L. O'Grady.

McBirney and Co.'s Great Annual Winter Sale commences on Monday next.

A Great Sale, now on, of Boys' and Youths' High-Class Clothing and Outfitting. Genuine Bargains at "Our Boys'" House, 24 Wicklow street.

The Mansfield Sisters are having a Great Sale (on this and following days) of all their Fashionable Millinery, Furs, Frocks, Blouses, Sports Coats, and Skirts. Genuine Bargains.—28 Wicklow street.

Mourning Orders Receive Prompt Attention.—Davis and Co. (late Ogilvy), 45 Grafton street.

OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

HELP FOR EX-SERVICE MEN.

A branch of the Officers' Association has been formed in Ireland, with an office at 33 Dawson street, Dublin. Lord Haig recently made two appeals—one, to all officers, past and present; the other, to the general public—to help to build up a great organisation which will be of permanent benefit to the Service.

On every side there are signs of great distress arising out of the war which must be relieved. There are still 33,000 disabled officers, 10,000 officers' widows, 8,000 officers' orphans, 15,000 children of disabled officers, and 25,000 unemployed officers paying the penalty of the war.

The objects the Association have in view are:—

To build up a permanent organisation for the benefit of those who have served in His Majesty's Forces, around which all Associations of ex-Service men will group themselves.

To co-ordinate the work of all existing agencies dealing with officers and their dependents, and so to prevent waste and overlapping.

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So far the general policy of the Association has been to promote the well-being of all who have held His Majesty's commission and their dependents, to relieve distress so far as funds permit, and, whenever possible, to make the recipient of relief independent by giving him or her a fresh start in life.

The two big organisations of ex-Service men in Ireland, "The Comrades of the Great War" and "The Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers," have recently amalgamated under the title of "The Legion of Irish Ex-Service Men." When the Officers' Association is organised the question will then arise of joining the Legion on the same lines as has been done in England.

It is hoped that Ireland will not be behind the rest of the Dominions in responding to this appeal, that all officers resident in this country will, as far as possible, join the Association, and that the general public will show its appreciation of those who gave their lives and health in the cause of freedom by subscribing to the Association. It is intended eventually to have a representative of the Association in every county. In the meanwhile all enquiries should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Officers' Association, 33 Dawson street, Dublin.

OBITUARY.

SIR G. S. WOODHEAD.

Sir German Sims Woodhead, Professor of Pathology at Cambridge University since 1899, died at Scampton, near Lincoln, yesterday, aged 66. An authority on bacteriology, he invented the process of the chlorination of water supplied to troops during a war period to prevent the carrying of germs by the water. He was Inspector of Laboratories in the military hospitals in the United Kingdom; served on the Royal Commission on Tuberculosis of 1902, and was a member of the Executive Committee of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. He was knighted in 1919.

MR. WILLIAM M'CORMICK.

The death took place at his residence, 9 Windsor Gardens, Belfast, on Wednesday, of Mr. William M'Cormick, J.P., house and land agent, Belfast, and a former Alderman of the Belfast Corporation. Mr. M'Cormick was a prominent member of the Belfast Catholic Association, and entered the City Council as Alderman for Falls Ward. He served on both the Public Health and Finance Committees, and was also Chairman of the Asylum Committee. He retired from the Corporation in 1907.

CANON J. F. COLE.

Canon John Francis Cole died at the Rectory, Portarlington, yesterday, at the age of 71 years. For the past thirty-seven years he had been Rector of Portarlington, and previously he had served as Curate of Mountrath and of Arklow. He was ordained in 1880, and six years later was appointed Headmaster of the "French School" at Portarlington. He was made Canon of Kildare in 1908 and a Rural Dean in the following year. The interment will be at St. Paul's Church, Portarlington, at 11 o'clock this morning.

MILITARY BALL AT GALWAY.

Our Galway Correspondent telegraphs that 200 guests from various parts of County Galway attended a farewell ball given in the Town Hall there on Wednesday night by the officers of the 17th Lancers.

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A number of loyalists who suffered in Ireland from *Sinn Fein* outrages are to meet shortly, and set up a Committee to press their claims upon the Prime Minister and the Government. Lord Bandon, who was kidnapped, is to be the spokesman, and strenuous efforts are to be made, in and out of Parliament, to get the question settled quickly and generously.

CANNES CONFERENCE.

In the City there is a tendency to criticise the *personnel* of the British contingent for the Reparations Conference at Cannes, chiefly on the ground of the lack of trained financial experts. Sir L. Worthington-Evans is a solicitor by profession, and, although he undoubtedly knows more about finance than most politicians, he can hardly be regarded as an authority on the very delicate questions involved. The same remark applies to the representatives of "big business," who have been called in to assist. Experience in the conduct of a great manufactory or distributing organisation does not necessarily imply a grasp of the intricate problems of currency and exchange, which are more the province of the bankers and bill discounters.

The report that full dress is to be worn at the wedding of Princess Mary has given great pleasure to the West End dressmakers; for it means that ladies will wear evening gowns with jewels, and the men will wear Court dress or uniform. This will add greatly to the brilliancy of the occasion, and will also make the scene more picturesque. The date of the wedding is still unsettled, but it is now expected that it will take place on Tuesday, February 21st. The Duke of Connaught is returning to London for the wedding, and will be accompanied by Captain and Lady Patricia Ramsay.

"HOGMANAY."

The festivities arranged for New Year's Eve by the London hotels are more elaborate, and much more costly, than ever before. In most cases dancing is to follow a great supper, and will continue into the early hours of Sunday morning. For the evening some of the hotels are charging as much as two-and-a-half guineas. It seems rather sad that a year which should be devoted to strict economy in all directions is to be opened by such costly functions. The demand, however, is extraordinary, and one great catering firm has so many applications for seats that it is using its *cafés* as well as its hotels for the occasion.

Two years ago butter was so scanty that it was with difficulty that the Government could supply a national ration in England. To-day there is a glut of the once precious foodstuff, for the supply is actually greater than the demand. As in the case of coal, people have learned to do without. It seems that so many ships laden with butter have arrived in the docks and started unloading at the same time that there is not sufficient storage in London to take it all. The Government still have considerable stocks in hand, but there is no demand. The multiple shops have now reduced the price for fresh butter to one shilling and sixpence per pound, but really it could be sold without loss at one shilling and twopence per pound. The new supplies are coming from Australia, New Zealand, and the Argentine.

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THE R.I.C.

The writer of a "Londoner's Diary" in the *Evening Standard* to-day says that the Irish Office is now considering the position of the R.I.C. should the *Dail* ratify the Treaty. The Chief Secretary is anxious that the faithful services of these men to the Crown shall not be overlooked. Under the Treaty the Irish Free State agrees to pay them pension terms not less favourable than those given to them by last year's Government of Ireland Act. The idea is that officers and men shall have for pension purposes a number of years added to the years actually served at the moment when the Irish police service is transferred to the Free State. It will be a charge against the Free State, but the British Government has a moral obligation to guarantee that the members of the Force are treated generously.

A number of loyalists who suffered in Ireland from *Sinn Fein* outrages are to meet shortly, and set up a Committee to press their claims upon the Prime Minister and the Government. Lord Bandon, who was kidnapped, is to be the spokesman, and strenuous efforts are to be made, in and out of Parliament, to get the question settled quickly and generously.

CANNES CONFERENCE.

In the City there is a tendency to criticise the *personnel* of the British contingent for the Reparations Conference at Cannes, chiefly on the ground of the lack of trained financial experts. Sir L. Worthington-Evans is a solicitor by profession, and, although he undoubtedly knows more about finance than most politicians, he can hardly be regarded as an authority on the very delicate questions involved. The same remark applies to the representatives of "big business," who have been called in to assist. Experience in the conduct of a great manufactory or distributing organisation does not necessarily imply a grasp of the intricate problems of currency and exchange, which are more the province of the bankers and bill discounters.

The report that full dress is to be worn at the wedding of Princess Mary has given great pleasure to the West End dressmakers; for it means that ladies will wear evening gowns with jewels, and the men will wear Court dress or uniform. This will add greatly to the brilliancy of the occasion, and will also make the scene more picturesque. The date of the wedding is still unsettled, but it is now expected that it will take place on Tuesday, February 21st. The Duke of Connaught is returning to London for the wedding, and will be accompanied by Captain and Lady Patricia Ramsay.

"HOGMANAY."

The festivities arranged for New Year's Eve by the London hotels are more elaborate, and much more costly, than ever before. In most cases dancing is to follow a great supper, and will continue into the early hours of Sunday morning. For the evening some of the hotels are charging as much as two-and-a-half guineas. It seems rather sad that a year which should be devoted to strict economy in all directions is to be opened by such costly functions. The demand, however, is extraordinary, and one great catering firm has so many applications for seats that it is using its *cafés* as well as its hotels for the occasion.

Two years ago butter was so scanty that it was with difficulty that the Government could supply a national ration in England. To-day there is a glut of the once precious foodstuff, for the supply is actually greater than the demand. As in the case of coal, people have learned to do without. It seems that so many ships laden with butter have arrived in the docks and started unloading at the same time that there is not sufficient storage in London to take it all. The Government still have considerable stocks in hand, but there is no demand. The multiple shops have now reduced the price for fresh butter to one shilling and sixpence *per* pound, but really it could be sold without loss at one shilling and twopence *per* pound. The new supplies are coming from Australia, New Zealand, and the Argentina.

RAILWAY STRIKE POSTPONED.

DAIL INTERVENES.

SOUTHERN COMPANY'S DECISION

APPLICATION OF CARRIGAN AWARD DEFERRED.

As the result of very earnest discussions yesterday between the various elements concerned in the threatened general strike of railwaymen, which was to take place on Monday next, a postponement of the strike for a fortnight has been secured.

This gratifying result is, it is hoped, but a prelude to a more permanent settlement of a crisis which threatens to paralyse the whole industrial life of the country.

In yesterday's negotiations, which took place chiefly in the Gresham Hotel, many prominent people took part. Dail Eireann was represented by its Minister of Labour, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and others.

The railway companies were represented by several directors, and the chief officials of the several unions of railway workers were in attendance. All the various interests concerned fully realised the gravity of the occasion, which had not only its industrial aspect, but was calculated seriously to imperil the political situation. It was felt on all sides that adequate time should be secured for Dail Eireann to arrive at a decision on the question of the ratification of the Peace Agreement. This essential purpose has now been achieved.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS.

The following statement was issued last night by the Minister of Labour of Dail Eireann:—

"As a result of the intervention of the Labour Department of Dail Eireann, the directors of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company have agreed to postpone the putting into operation of the Carrigan Award until the 15th January next. They have also consented to recommend the other railway companies to adopt this course.

"The Labour Department is making arrangements for holding a conference representative of all the interests involved in the threatened crisis."

PROLONGED CONFERENCES.

ANOTHER MEETING NEXT WEEK.

An authoritative source supplies the following account of the day's proceedings:—

"A conference took place on Wednesday between representatives of the Dail Cabinet and the Irish Councils of the N.U.R. and A.S.L.E.F. Another conference took place yesterday between the Cabinet and representatives of the Railway Clerks' Association (who were unable to be present on Wednesday). The position of the railway trade unions was stated by Messrs. Bermingham (N.U.R.), Hynes (A.S.L.E.F.), and O'Farrell (R.C.A.).

"Representatives of the general managers met the Cabinet in the Gresham Hotel at 11.30 a.m. yesterday, after which Messrs. Bermingham, Bromley, O'Farrell, and O'Carroll were called into consultation by the latter body. After a discussion lasting an hour, the conference adjourned until 6.30 p.m.

"At the resumption there were present on the part of the trade unions, the Irish Council members of the N.U.R., Mr. Bromley and members of his Council, and Messrs. O'Farrell (Irish Secretary) and Walsh (Irish Council Chairman) on behalf of the R.C.A. The members of the Cabinet present were the Minister for Labour and the Minister for Foreign Affairs, together with the Secretary to the Ministry of Labour.

"The latter announced that as a result of the *pourparlers* which had taken place between the Cabinet and the representatives of both sides (who were received separately by the former), the general managers had agreed to postpone the operation of the Carrigan award for a fortnight. In the meantime a joint representative conference of both sides, presided over by a Minister of the Dail Cabinet, is being called for next week, in the hope that there will be effected such improvements in the award as will render it acceptable to the men, even as a temporary measure. Failing this satisfactory conclusion of to-day's negotiations, a joint manifesto calling a general railway stoppage for Saturday midnight was ready to be issued."

MEN'S CASE.

NOTICES WITHDRAWN.

The following statement was issued at the offices of the N.U.R., Beresford place, Dublin:—

"Manifesto by the Irish Council of the N.U.R.

"Fellow Members,—The circumstances arising out of the Carrigan awards, and the consequent effects upon our members throughout Ireland, have occasioned the Irish Council grave concern, having taken into account the wholesale displacement of the men we represent, thus throwing them upon the unemployment market, and its natural corollary of subjecting the breadwinner not only to starvation, but also his family. This has been one of our greatest concerns.

"Whilst we had the courage of our convictions, and were prepared to ask you to resist the unfair intrusion, as emanating from the Carrigan awards, which were a clear departure from the national and internationl agreements, as agreed to between the League of Nations at Versailles, we, Irish railwaymen, would be wanting in our duty to our members, and traitors to that principle, if we had deviated from that charter—namely, an eight-hours working day.

"By virtue of the powers of our organisation, we have been successful in enlisting the services of the Irish Government, through whose instrumentality we have secured a stay of putting into operation of the Carrigan awards for 14 days from January 2nd, 1922, in order to give a full and clear opportunity for further investigation into the actual financial position of the Irish railway companies, and, to permit our National Executive to give every consideration to the questions at issue, we have been able to insure for our members that all notices given by the railway companies will be withdrawn until the expiration of that period.

"We, therefore, ask our members to accept this arrangement *pro tem*, pending further instructions from this Council.

Signed on behalf of the Irish Council,
"R. HENNESSY (Chairman).
"L. J. LARKIN.
"T. C. DALY.
"M. GLYNN.
"P. CUSHNAN.
"J. WALCH.
"W. DONALDSON.
"J. BERMINGHAM (Irish Secretary)."

ENGINEERS' STATEMENT.

The following statement was issued by the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, last night:—

"That having heard the report of our representatives who met representatives of Dail Eireann, to the effect that the railway companies have agreed to withhold the operation of the Carrigan Award until January 15th, 1922, this Council of A.S.L.E. and F. agree to suspend the operation of our national strike resolution until same date, unless some company fully represented by this Union fails to fall in with the agreement, in which case we have no alternative but to allow our strike resolution to take effect on December 31st.
"S. HYNES, President,
"W. DOYLE, Secretary."

NO NEW PROPOSALS.

Mr. Bermingham, Irish Secretary, of the N.U.R., denied last evening that any new proposals were to be submitted to the Executive Committee in London. No suggestion had been made by him at any time about such proposals, nor, so far as he knew, by any official of the organisation. No such proposals, in fact, were in contemplation.

PRINCE'S QUIET DAY.

NEW COLOURS FOR SCOTS FUSILIERS.

CALCUTTA, Thursday.

The Prince of Wales this morning proceeded by the steamer Empress Mary from Chandpal to Barrackpore, where he was to have presented colours to the 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers. As the colours had not arrived, the military ceremonial was confined to the trooping of colours only. The presentation of new colours has been deferred pending their arrival. His Royal Highness afterwards lunched with officers of the regiment. Returning to Calcutta shortly after four, he attended a garden party given by Lord Ronaldshay. There was a dinner party in the evening, followed by a private dance.

The Prince was warmly cheered by a large Indian crowd when he appeared on the Maidan specially to watch the feeding of the poor.

Conflicting accounts of the Prince of Wales's visit to Calcutta having appeared in the London papers, Reuter's Correspondent has official authority to state that the importation of disorderly elements from the mill areas into Calcutta on December 23 to enforce the hartal by terrorising shop-keepers has resulted in 650 arrests for obstruction and other forms of disorderly conduct. The total arrests in Calcutta for similar reasons during the past six weeks amounts to 3,500 down to date.

The hartal in the northern quarter of the city on the arrival of the Prince of Wales did not prevent numerous Indians from participating in the welcome accorded to His Royal Highness. Trams and public vehicles of all descriptions continued to ply for hire in large numbers throughout the greater part of the city. There were no signs of the hartal, and lights were not lit as usual only on the first night, and in a very small area.

On subsequent days of the Prince's visit the crowds were both enormous and enthusiastic, denoting the absolute failure of the efforts to stop all festivities. As a result, Mr. Gandhi and his followers are greatly discredited.

DOMINION STATUS FOR INDIA.

ALLAHABAD, Wednesday.

In his presidential address to the fourth session of the All-India Liberal Federation today, Mr. Govind Alaghava Iyer said that it was their duty to offer the most loyal and cordial welcome to the Prince of Wales, whose utterances justified the Viceroy's assurance that the visit had no political object. He pronounced the opinion that they should strive for full Dominion *status* within the Empire.

He pointed out that co-operation wherever possible had been the motto of Liberals. Their duty was to help the Government in all legitimate efforts to uphold peace and order, but the executive officers had used their extraordinary powers excessively and indiscriminately, and the arrest of respectable men had caused the deepest regret. He considered it was unfortunate that Mr. Gandhi had taken the course that he did, with the result that the round-table conference had to be given up.

RUSSIAN TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

COPENHAGEN, Thursday.

A party of the Great Northern Company's telegraphists left yesterday to restart the service at the Petrograd station, which was suspended in April, 1918. Only a service between Russia and other European countries is expected to be put into operation. It is not known when the connection with the Far East will be restored.—(*Times* telegram.)

CAPE COAL CRISIS.

GENERAL SMUTS'S APPEAL FOR REASONABLENESS.

PRETORIA, Thursday.

General Smuts has issued a manifesto appealing to the colliers and impressing upon them the necessity for the most careful consideration before they take any extreme step.

The manifesto points out that the Government on many occasions has put pressure upon the employers to make concessions, but it feels that in the present circumstances it is impossible and futile to ask for further concessions from the owners alone.

It was admitted on all sides that the coal industry ought to become one of the most important in the Union, and eventually its premier mining industry, but at present it was very seriously endangered, and actually losing the position already attained, owing to the lowering of English export prices.

The Railway Department had already reduced its rates to the utmost. Unless prices were materially lowered, industry would receive a blow from which it would not soon recover, and the colliers would be the principal sufferers from such a catastrophe, whereas even with the proposed reduction they would still be better off than the gold miners.

The manifesto earnestly appeals to the colliers to fall into line with the gold miners in accepting a reduction of wages.

In the event of a strike the Government would be obliged to protect the public interest by the maintenance of public utility services.—(Reuter.)

KLU KLUX KLAN TO BE WOUND UP.

ATLANTA, Wednesday.

A petition requesting the appointment of receivers to take charge of the affairs of the Knights of Klu Klux Klan, has been filed in the Superior Court, by Henry B. Terrell and 174 other members of the Order.

[Formed in 1865 as a young men's club, which soon became a secret association of white men for protection against blacks in the Southern States, the Klu Klux Klan was reorganised this year. Members wear masks and long white robes.]

MOBILISATION IN FAR EAST.

RIGA, Thursday.

According to a message received here Trotsky, speaking at a Congress of Soviets, declared that a telegram had been received from the Far East giving news of the occupation of Habarcevsk by Cappel troops.

Information received from Vladivostock states that the Far Eastern Republic has mobilised all men up to the age of 40 years in the maritime province, and that the railways are being devoted almost entirely to military transport.—(Reuter.)

SLEPT ON THE RAILWAY.

The body of Robert Williamson Turner, ship's cook, was found on the North-Eastern Railway at Hull, and at the inquest an open verdict was returned.

Turner was said to have suffered from malaria, and the fact that his shoes were found on the line showed, it was thought, that under the influence of an attack he had lain down on the railway to sleep.

NO SUBMARINE LIMITS.

FRENCH ATTITUDE UNCHANGED.

France has definitely declined to accept the American proposals limiting her submarine tonnage to 10,000, and has declared that 90,000 is the *minimum* necessary for the defence of her coast and Colonies.

The British, American, Japanese, and Italian delegates expressed their disappointment at this attitude. Mr. Balfour said that the British Government would be bound to regard such a large submarine fleet as a menace to England's security, and would have to adopt measures to ensure adequate protection for her commerce.

The Naval Committee has adopted a resolution providing for the operation of submarines under recognised principles of legitimate warfare, laying down that merchantmen must not be attacked without warning and even then not unless the crew and passengers have been placed in safety.

POWERS CONCERNED.

BRITAIN'S SECURITY MENACED.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.

All efforts to reach an agreement on the limitation of submarine and auxiliary ship tonnage were abandoned after the naval programme fixing the French limits at 90,000 tons for submersibles, 330,000 tons for auxiliary vessels, had been announced to the Naval Committee by M. Sarraut.

This was followed by expressions of disappointment by the American, Italian, and Japanese delegations that no agreement was possible, and by a warning uttered by Mr. Balfour, that Great Britain must regard the French submarine programme as "a very great menace" to British security.

Signor Schanzer, Italy, also spoke of the serious preoccupations of Italy because of economic sacrifices and the political consequences which the French naval programme might produce.

M. Sarraut declared that the French naval estimates were based on the conception of the true needs and interests of France and her Colonies.

Mr. Balfour declared that, while it was unthinkable that anything but friendship should prevail between Great Britain and France, history recalled that they had been in conflict in the distant past.

He added that Great Britain had always possessed superior naval armament and inferior land forces to France.

"No inferior military Power has ever yet been able to invade or seriously to imperil superior military power merely because she had more ships. Suppose the almost inconceivable happened, and close Allies become enemies. It is perfectly clear, in that case, that no British superiority of capital ships would imperil the life of France for an hour.

"Now compare the position of France in face of a superior British surface fleet with the position of Great Britain in face of France with the largest submarine fleet in the world. She could use that fleet, if she chose, for commerce destruction, and it is difficult to believe that in time of stress she would not so use it.

"If Great Britain were unarmed against submarines, it is evident that France using that felonious weapon could destroy her very existence."

"FOR WHAT PURPOSE?"

Mr. Balfour said M. Sarraut had talked of the absolute necessity for France of possessing a fleet of 90,000 tons of submarines.

"For what purpose?" he continued. "Not to co-operate with a fleet of 175,000 tons of capital ships. That is altogether out of proportion. What does he want 90,000 tons of submarines for?

"It is not unreasonable for Great Britain, when threatened by the establishment within a few miles of her coast of a vast fleet of submarines, which are of no use except to destroy commerce, to say candidly she cannot look with indifference upon the situation thus created."

Coupled with the announcement that France proposed to increase her auxiliary tonnage, Mr. Balfour said it must be acknowledged that this constituted a somewhat singular contribution to the labours of a conference called for the diminution of armaments.

Mr. Balfour referred to the anxiety and disappointment which the French programme had created in his mind. The whole of this controversy, he said, would again come up before the public conference.

SUBMARINE OPERATIONS.

LEGITIMATE WARFARE AGREEMENT.

The full Naval Committee has adopted in principle the first Root resolution concerning the use of submarines, and providing for their operation under the well-recognised principles of international law. It has submitted it to a drafting committee for certain changes in minor details.

Mr. Root's resolution provides:—That merchant vessels must be ordered to stop and searched to determine their character before they can be captured; merchantmen must not be attacked unless they refuse to stop after warning; and merchantmen must not be destroyed unless the crew and passengers are first placed in safety.

DYING MAN'S ORDEAL.

THREE HOURS UNDER CAPSIZED CAR.

Mr. Alan Leggatt, who had been home on leave from the Royal Irish Constabulary, was killed, and Mr. Gerald Rhodes, of Somborne, Hants., was injured, in a motor accident on the Portsmouth road, near Cobham, on Wednesday night.

While passing another motor with powerful headlights their car struck the kerbing, swerved across the road to the opposite bank, and turned over.

The accident occurred between ten and eleven o'clock, and it was nearly three o'clock before Rhodes, who apparently must have been unconscious for some time, attracted attention by his shouts. Then further help had to be secured before the two men who were pinned beneath the car, could be extricated.

Leggatt was 24 years of age, and his address is given as Surrey House, Redhill.

The driver of a motor lorry, hearing cries for help, pulled up, and found the two men pinned beneath the car, which had overturned in the ditch. Leggatt was seriously crushed about the body, and a few minutes before his death he said to Rhodes—"I can't stand this much longer. I am going." Rhodes, who was the owner of the car, escaped with slight injuries to his leg.

EXCESSIVE SPEED.

ONE KILLED; TWO INJURED.

At an inquest last night on John Sylvester Castiglione, of Battersea Park, London, who died in Doncaster Hospital from injuries received in a collision on Great North road between his motor car and another containing a Mr. and Mrs. Routledge, of Oxford street, London, on Friday night last, it was shown that the parties were travelling to Carlisle and London, respectively, to join friends for Christmas.

Mr. Routledge said that immediately after observing the rear lights of another car ahead of him, when passing Doncaster Racecourse, the headlights of Castiglione's oncoming car were upon him. He jammed on the brakes in a second, but a collision was inevitable, and the impact knocked him unconscious.

The owner of the car which preceded Routledge's, a well-known Doncaster practitioner, deposed that Castiglione's car approached his at a very high rate of speed. Witness only managed to avoid a collision by a hair's breadth. He heard noise behind him, but was ignorant that a collision had occurred, till, returning along the road a quarter of an hour later, he found two cars lying on the road head on.

Castiglione lay upon his seat, terribly injured and dying. Mrs. Routledge was bleeding profusely from cuts, and would have bled to death had he not given her immediate attention. He motored the Routledges into Doncaster and dressed their injuries.

Other witnesses attributed the accident to Castiglione's excessive speed, and the jury, returning a verdict of accidental death, expressed a similar opinion.

UNDISCLOSED RESOURCES.

GERMAN DELAYS AND EVASIONS.

ALLIED COMMISSION'S FIRM ATTITUDE.

Considerable interest and speculation has been aroused by Herr Rathenau's sudden visit to Paris at, it is believed, the invitation of the British Economic Mission, which is preparing a statement to be laid before the Supreme Council next week.

The Reparations Commission received the German finance experts yesterday, and pointed out that the Reparations Commission could not consider Germany's application for a *moratorium* until it received a reply to its letter of the 16th.

This letter, it may be recalled, asked for precise indications as to what securities the German Government would furnish in the event of a *moratorium* being granted and what measures it proposed to take ultimately to discharge its liabilities to the Allies.

Under the May agreement Germany should pay the Allies £175,000,000 during 1922. The German experts stated yesterday that the Government could not see its way to finding more than £90,000,000. In the Note of December 14th the Government said that the utmost it would be able to raise in 1922 would be £100,000,000.

GERMAN EXPERTS IN PARIS.

RECEIVED BY ALLIED COMMISSION.

PARIS, Thursday.

Herren Rathenau and Fischer left Berlin yesterday afternoon for Paris.

According to the *Berliner Tageblatt*, Herr Rathenau is making the journey at the invitation of authoritative British quarters.

The newspapers state that, although Herr Rathenau is not visiting Paris in an official capacity, he will keep in touch with the Reparations Commission.

(Later.)

Members of the British Economic Misison arrived in Paris this evening, and were welcomed by representatives of the Ministries of War, Foreign Affairs, and Liberated Regions. Conferences will be held to-morrow and Saturday.

The following official statement was issued here this evening:—

The Reparations Commission, according to arrangement, received at 4 o'clock this afternoon representatives of the German Government, Dr. Fischer, Herr von Oertzen, and Herr Trendelenburg. The German delegates asked the Commission if an immediate answer was required to its letter of December 16.

The Commission replied that the German Government alone was capable of judging what opportunity it had had for replying or not, to the letter in question immediately, or later on, and, moreover, the request for a *moratorium* made by the German Government in its letter of December 14 could not be considered by the Reparations Commission until it had received the details mentioned in its letter of the 16th.

The German delegates then requested the Commission to allow an adjournment of the hearing until to-morrow or the day after.

FIFTY PER CENT. SHORT.

BERLIN ESTIMATE.

BERLIN, Thursday.

The newspapers here attach considerable importance to Dr. Rathenau's visit to Paris. The German Government has not yet disclosed what amount Germany is able and willing to pay, but there is reason to believe that it will inform the Reparations Commission that it cannot find more than £12,500,000 towards the January instalment without touching the gold reserves. (The amount due is £25,000,000.)

With regard to the further annual payments due under the May ultimatum, equivalent to about £175,000,000, it is believed that Germany will declare that she is unable to provide more than £80,000,000 to £90,000,000 towards these from the resources now available.

DELEGATES AT CANNES.

CANNES, Thursday.

Mr. Lloyd George this morning played golf on the Napoul Club's links, returning to Villa Valetta at 1 o'clock. This afternoon he visited the perfume factories at Grasse, and this evening attended a performance at the Casino Theatre.

Colonel Harvey, American Ambassador in London, with Mrs. Harvey and suite, and Sir Robert Horne, have arrived here.

The expectation is that Sir L. Worthington Evans and the financial and economic experts in Paris. will evolve a definite plan which the British Minister and his French colleague, M. Loucheur, will lay before the Supreme Council at Cannes.

GANDHI'S VICTORY.

NO DESIRE FOR PEACE CONFERENCE.

AHMEDABAD, Wednesday.

The Indian National Congress to-day adopted the resolution which was passed on Tuesday by the Subjects' Committee.

This resolution says that disobedience is the only civilised effective substitute for armed rebellion, and, in order to concentrate upon it, all other activities should be suspended.

It urges the organisation of public meetings throughout the country, notwithstanding their prohibition, and appeals to all to offer themselves quietly for arrest by becoming volunteers.

The resolution also points out that Mr. Gandhi is the sole Executive authority, and invests in him, and, in view of his possible arrest, in his successors, full powers over the Congress organisation. Mr. Gandhi and his successors, however, are not authorised to conclude any terms of peace with the Government, without the previous sanction of the Congress.

The resolution was adopted, in spite of Pundit Malaviya's opposition. He advised the Congress to delete the paragraph which advises aggressive civil disobedience, and to accept a resolution expressing a desire for a round table conference on reasonable and honourable terms.

Mr. Gandhi, opposing this proposal, said that there was nothing in the Viceroy's pronouncements which showed "that change of heart which was so necessary for the success of a conference. The resolution that had been passed by the Subjects' Committee was a challenge to a Government that was enthroned in arrogance, and had disregarded the considered opinion of millions of human beings."—(Reuter.)

VISA ABOLISHED.

BERNE, Thursday.

It is officially announced that by virtue of an agreement reached between Switzerland and Belgium, the *visa* will be suppressed as from January 15th, 1922.—(Reuter.)

NEW CANADIAN CABINET.

OTTAWA, Thursday.

The new Cabinet was sworn in to-day.—(Reuter.)

HELP FOR AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, Thursday.

At to-day's general meeting of the Loender Bank, the general manager stated that a contract with a French syndicate had been definitely concluded on the 24th inst.—(Reuter.)

KARELIAN VICTORY.

HELSINGFORS, Thursday.

According to news from the east Karelian front a Bolshevik regiment, sent from Petrograd, arrived at Svutjuervi on the 27th inst., and yesterday six companies attacked Porajaervi. They were repulsed with heavy losses, while the losses to the Karelian troops were comparatively small.—(Reuter.)

BOURNEMOUTH MYSTERY.

MURDERER STILL AT LARGE.

Very little fresh light has been thrown upon the Bournemouth mystery.

Yesterday forenoon detectives from New Scotland Yard paid a surprise visit to a fashionable hotel in the West End of London, and asked a man who had arrived there on the night of Miss Wilkins's murder to accompany them to Bow street Police Station.

The man was able to give a satisfactory account of his movements on the day of the murder, and was liberated in the afternoon.

Meanwhile other detectives were continuing their inquiries at Bournemouth. Three mysterious motor cars have been mentioned in connection with the case. Information is wanted concerning a six-cylinder Sunbeam; a grey car with the letter X in its identification plate; and a two-seater Austin.

Late last night a Sunbeam car which corresponded in many particulars with the car in which, according to a taxi-driver, Miss Wilkins left the railway station was found in a Bournemouth garage.

The police, while suspicious, are not satisfied that they have found the wanted Sunbeam. The taxi-driver believes that it is an earlier model than the one he saw.

A young woman has given the police what they regard as important information about the Austin car, and they are particularly anxious to trace it.

Inquiries at the various hotels and boarding-houses in the Boscombe area have revealed the fact that a man entered an hotel at about 1.30 a.m. on the night of the murder and asked for a room. He slept there until morning and then disappeared This clue is being investigated.

The following are the facts that six days' inquiries have established:—

On December 22 Miss Wilkins received a telegram, in response to an advertisement for a post as a lady cook, asking her to go to Bournemouth by the 4.30 train, and saying that a motor car would meet her.

The telegram was a bogus one.

Miss Wilkins arrived at Bournemouth at 7.5 and entered a motor car.

On the following morning her body was found in the corner of a field three miles from Bournemouth. She had been taken there in a car and had been beaten to death.

Other women have received bogus telegrams from Bournemouth.

STUDENT AGITATORS.

BOYCOTT CAMPAIGN IN EGYPT.

Despatches received in London state that the situation in Egypt again showed improvement yesterday. There have been no serious disorders, except at Fua, ten miles south of Rosetta, where some people attempted to prevent the local police from arresting a rioter.

The provinces are quiet, and the towns are returning to normal conditions. Students are still continuing hostile propaganda, and the pupils of the Higher School of Commerce in Cairo have formed a society for the purpose of drawing up plans for the boycott of British trade.

Alexandria cabmen have gone on strike.

Zaghlul Pasha and his five supporters are still at Suez, being treated with every consideration and courtesy.

MODERATE PARTY IDEALS.

MIDDLE COURSE BASED ON ADLY'S PRINCIPLES.

Reuter's Correspondent in Cairo learns that the Wafd, or the newly-formed party hostile to Zaghlul Pasha, but which also nurses grievances against Great Britain, for the present opposes any political Ministry and, if none, any administrative Ministry. It declares that heads, and not sentiments, will guide its future actions. A settlement may be distant, but is only possible on the basis of Adly Pasha's programme.

The Delegation intends to work to achieve its ends by political means, and declares itself deeply hurt at the manner in which the Adly Delegation was treated. The explanatory Note, it says, was the final blow, and it is difficult to credit Great Britain with the intention of acting straight towards Egypt.

Great Britain should immediately indicate that the door is open, and the Wafd awaits an explicit announcement whether it is or not. In the meanwhile, it says that it will hold its hand and keep an open mind regarding non-co-operation; but if it finds that it is in the interest of the country, it will adopt such a policy, and also undertake legitimate means in England itself, in order to convince British statesmen of their duty towards Egypt.

Mohamed Pasha Mahmud, one of the members of the new Wafd, who was educated at Oxford, and was among the four Zaghlulists deported to Malta in March, 1919, and who seceded from Zanghlul Pasha's delegation in April, 1921, becoming a supporter of Adly Pasha, has granted an interview to the Press Association's Correspondent.

"The English Press," he said, "has been referring recently to the existence of the moderate and extremist parties in Egypt, and has said that the former is prepared to help to carry out the British policy as expressed in the Foreign Office explanatory note.

"Nothing of the kind exists in Egypt, and such rumours only mislead the British Government and British public opinion regarding the real state of things. Indeed, there is no such division of opinion. All are united on the broad principle that complete independence must be achieved. The recent policy of the British Government has, if anything, made this unity among different shades of opinion firmer than ever."

"That Egypt," Mohamed Pasha continued, "is still governed by martial law three years after the end of the war is proof of the bankruptcy of British policy. It is a fact that for more than three weeks now the country has been governed without a Cabinet. Not a man worthy of respect, moderate or extremist, could be found to form a Ministry.

"The anger of the population has been aroused to the highest pitch by the arrest of Zaghlul and others," concluded Mohamed Pasha. "British prestige has fallen very low, indeed, and to restore it in Egypt our independence must be recognised."

PRISONERS RELEASED.

GERMAN AGGRESSION IN UPPER SILESIA.

PARIS, Thursday.

The *Matin* publishes a telegram from its Kattowitz, Upper Silesia, correspondent stating that a detachment of storm troops attacked the Gross Streklitz Prison and freed the prisoners detained there by inter-Allied Tribunals, among them being the notorious Joschke, convicted of the murder of the French Major Montalegree earlier in the year.

Joschke and his fellows were able to escape safely to Germany under the protection of the German detachment.—(Reuter.)

£100,000 EMPIRE CONTRACT.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Wednesday.

Mr. Massey, the Prime Minister, announces that the Government has accepted tenders from British firms for an installation of hydro-electric plant to supply Wellington and district, at a cost of £100,000.—(Reuter.)

MOTOR CYCLIST KILLED.

Frederick George Dawson, a young mining surveyor, came into collision with a carrier's cart on Wednesday night while motor cycling at Acklam, near Middlesborough. He was removed to hospital, where he succumbed to injuries yesterday.

MUSCLE-DRIVEN AEROPLANE.

The Peugeot firm, of Paris, offers a prize of 20,000 francs for an aerial flight for a distance of 50 metres, with a return to the starting place, the machine to be driven by muscular energy only.

The competition is open to all nationalities, with the exception of German, Austrian, Turkish, and Bulgarian.

TOTTENHAM MURDER CHARGE.

At Tottenham, London, yesterday, Thomas Alexander Keeling, plasterer, was further remanded, charged with the murder of a woman named Dewberry in November.

The prosecution put in a statement made by Keeling after his arrest fifteen days later, in which he said that he had heard people talk of the murder, but did not know where it happened and who had been killed. He could not read newspapers.

FROM TO-DAY'S LONDON PAPERS.

GENERAL ELECTION.

EXPECTED IN FEBRUARY.

"THE TIMES" OF TO-DAY SAYS:—

The possibility of a General Election in February has been kept steadily before readers of *The Times*. The possibility has become almost a probability, for there is now no doubt that nearly all the members of the inner Cabinet consider that a General Election before the reassembly of Parliament would be advantageous to the Government. By "the inner Cabinet" is meant the leading members of the Government whom it has been the Prime Minister's practice to call together on many occasions without the formality of an official Cabinet meeting.

The last gathering of the sort was held a day or two before the Prime Minister's departure for the South of France, and one of the subjects discussed was the expedient date of the General Election. There were arguments for and arguments against an immediate appeal to the country, but the balance of opinion was decidedly in favour of a dissolution of Parliament at the end of January.

It can, indeed, be stated positively that Mr. Chamberlain alone of the Ministers present was of opinion that the election should be deferred till the autumn. The decision cannot be long delayed. The Prime Minister will be away from England till nearly the middle of next mouth. Parliament has been prorogued to January 31. Ten days earlier Mr. Lloyd George will speak at the much-advertised Coalition-Liberal Conference in London. If the momentous announcement of a February General Election has to be made, it may be expected then.

LESSON IN BANKING.

FATE OF GREAT ITALIAN BANK.

The Times, in a leading article to-day, says:—Yesterday the Banca Italiana di Sconto closed its doors. The event would have been a serious misfortune at any time, as this institution is one of the three principal commercial banks in Italy; but its gravity is, naturally, much increased by the present unsettled condition of the financial and economic world. It has not caused any surprise in well-informed quarters, as it has been known there for some months past that the bank was in difficulties. These are understood to have arisen from the very large credits which it had given to the great Ansaldo engineering firm.

There is no doubt but that great exertions will be made to reduce the unfortunate results of the incident to the narrowest limits. It is a very usual practice with Continental banking houses to adopt the course which has brought misfortune upon the Banca di Sconto. They are in the habit of allying themselves closely with industrial concerns, such as the Ansaldo Company. This compels them to lock up a large part of their capital in the particular businesses with which they connect themselves.

Complaints have often been made, and since the Armistice they have occasionally been made very loudly, that our bankers do not adopt this system. The fate of the Banca Italiana di Sconto, and the cause which has brought it about, is a striking object lesson in the wisdom of that caution in regard to industrial credits for which British bankers have been so severely rated by critics, not all of whom, perhaps, have been altogether unprejudiced.

Their ways have been condemned as antiquated, and they have been bidden to follow the enterprising methods of their fellows on the Continent. The present incident shows the soundness of these old-fashioned ways. British depositors will take comfort that our bankers stand upon them.

MESOPOTAMIA.

EVACUATION URGENT.

In a leading article dealing with the Mesopotamia mystery, *The Times* of to-day says:—The mistakes made in Mesopotamia are legion, and the attempts made from time to time to remedy or cover up past errors very often leave the situation worse than it was before. This journal has repeatedly urged the necessity of evacuating Mesopotamia at the earliest possible moment, since the expenditure on the occupation and administration of this largely desert region is wholly incommensurate with our present resources, and with any profit that may accrue in the measurable future from the heavy responsibility we have undertaken.

Nor do we put the need for evacuation merely on material grounds. A rigid control over Mesopotamia should form no part of our permanent policy. The most serious indictment against the Government's present Mesopotamia policy is that it has left us where we were before. Our retirement now will mean, as it did a year ago, the relapse of Mesopotamia into a chaos, of which Kemalists and Bolshevists may quickly take advantage.

The speedy conclusion of a peace with Turkey would to some extent diminish the difficulty. But never was the necessity of evacuation so urgent and never were its difficulties so great. And that they are so great is the fault of a policy that, far from being prescient, has been perpetually and narrowly opportunist and consistently short-sighted.

TROUBLES IN PORTUGAL.

BOMB-MAKERS KILLED.

The Special Correspondent of *The Times* at Lisbon writes:—For the last few days there have been rumours of fresh troubles brewing. A new revolutionary movement was planned, but it appears to have been quashed by the prompt measures taken by the Government to maintain order.

The life of the city is normal, though the threat of disturbances causes disquiet. Meanwhile troops have been concentrated round Lisbon by the Government to support the Republican Guard, should disorder break out in the streets. Some arrests have been made in extremist political circles and among the Marines who used subversive language in public.

As a further measure of precaution, the last two Cabinet meetings were held in the environs of the city—at Caxias Fort and Bemfica. The most alarming occurrence was an explosion this morning at the house of a Syndicalist society, where bombs were being secretly manufactured. Out of nine persons engaged in making the bombs, two were killed and five wounded.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

INTEREST IN RUSSIAN STOCKS.

There was no improvement in the volume of business in Stock markets yesterday, says *The Times*. which was not surprising, in view of the fact that the House will be closed from to-night until Tuesday for the New Year holiday. The strength of gilt-edged securities, Argentine Railway Stocks, and Russian descriptions was the chief feature yesterday. War Loan again rose sharply, and the buying of Argentine Railway Stocks was stimulated by the news of the granting of an advance in rates to two of the companies. There was again a good deal of speculative interest in Russian Mining and Oil Shares and Government, Municipal and Railway Bonds. Paris came in a buyer of some of the leading South African shares.

THE SUPPRESSION OF THE SUBMARINE.

The *Daily Telegraph*, regarding submarines, says:—When their suppression is urged it is because Britain is thinking of other Powers, the submarine menace having lost most of its terrors for us. Are other Powers in equal position to provide auxiliary craft and the necessary crews to take adequate measures to protect their seaborne trade. It is not so much submarines of which thought must be taken as the armadas of auxiliary craft necessary to cope with them.

GERMAN DELEGATE ARRESTED.

A Reuter telegram from Marseilles on Thursday states:—Herr Neumann, representative of the *Rote Fahne* at the Communist Congress being held here, was arrested to-day. Apparently he was not in possession of a regular passport.

TO-DAY'S RACING SELECTIONS.

NEWBURY.

SPORTSMAN.	MAN ON THE SPOT.
1. 0—Archbishop.	Rocklight II.
1.30—Gondolier.	Charlie Wise.
2. 0—Southern Gleam.	Southern Gleam.
2.30—Dinan Morris.	Mr. Madcap.
3 0—Square Up.	Hard Nail.
3.30—Trash.	Euphrosynus.

SPORTING LIFE.	MAN ON THE SPOT.
1. 0—Green Button.	Ben Bridge.
1.30—Charlie Wise.	Monard.
2 0—Southern Gleam.	Good Points.
2.30—Knight of Manister, nap.	Mr. Madcap.
3. 0—Rufus XI.	Square Up.
3.30—Tuscan.	Euphrosynus, nap.

RATIFY THE TREATY.

PUBLIC BODIES SPEAK.

MESSAGE TO MR. DE VALERA.

CORK'S APPROVAL.

Public bodies throughout the country continue to demand the ratification of the Irish Peace Treaty.

Cork city and county were conspicuous yesterday. In the former the two Chambers of Commerce met and urged approval of the agreement, and in the latter Sinn Fein clubs and other bodies made a like demand.

From Roscommon the Rev. Canon Cummins has sent a telegram to Mr. de Valera saying that the people there demand ratification with virtual unanimity.

It is believed that when Dail Eireann meets the public's demand for approval of the Treaty will be almost overwhelming.

PUBLIC OPINION

IN FAVOUR OF THE TREATY.

It was apparent to any inquirer in Dublin yesterday that the great volume of public opinion which has become articulate throughout the country is having a marked effect upon the leaders of public opinion.

While the understanding arrived at when Dail Eireann adjourned is being honourably observed, and the leaders are refraining from public pronouncements, which might tend to accentuate the differences that have arisen, nevertheless the voice of the people is telling overwhelmingly in favour of ratification. Some of those who are intimately in touch with the leaders of the Sinn Fein movement still adhere to the opinion that the more pronounced Republicans will either vote against the peace terms or abstain from voting; but they assert that there is no question now as to the fate of the Treaty being in doubt.

According to Sinn Fein opinion in Dublin yesterday, the Treaty will be ratified by a small majority—some say half a dozen votes. There are others who take a more optimistic view of the situation, and who predict a much more substantial majority for ratification, basing their conclusion on the assumption that many of the waverers have been turned by the practically unanimous demand of the country, and by the unequivocal declaration of the British Prime Minister, that "the British Government have gone to their utmost limit in the Treaty, and to re-open the discussion, which was closed only after the most exhaustive consideration of every point, would be a fruitless proceeding, and is impossible."

ALTERNATIVE SCHEME

LOSING ITS GLAMOUR.

The issue has thus been clearly put before the public, and the alternative scheme—if there be any—which Mr. de Valera is supposed to have up his sleeve, after the style of a conjuror, is rapidly losing its glamour, even among his most enthusiastic personal adherents. No spirit of rancour has arisen among any sections of the popular party, and personalities are being largely excluded from the controversy.

It is appreciated on all sides that many earnest Republicans are finding it very difficult, if not impossible to bring themselves to vote for the Treaty. What the people feel, and the view that they are expressing at the local Councils and at public meetings in all parts of the country, is that when a vital issue is at stake the popular demand for peace with England must prevail, and not the views of men who take up an irreconcilable attitude. This view is stated in almost innumerable resolutions of public bodies, such as that of the Navan Council, which declares — "The people are the masters and the Dail are the servants, and derive authority from the people, and are answerable to them." Such resolutions have been evoked by the speeches of certain members of the Dail before its adjournment.

There were no meetings of the Dail Eireann Cabinet at the Mansion House, Dublin, yesterday, and no statements were issued for publication.

Most of the members of the Dail, and some members of the Cabinet, are spending the holiday period among their constituents.

YOUNG MEN FOR PEACE.

It is noticeable that the more strenuous advocates of peace include many young men, who have just been released from prison, and who have been many times imprisoned since the 1916 rebellion on account of their political activities. These young men make no secret of their conviction that they have won what they have been fighting for—the emancipation of their country.

It is becoming daily more apparent that all creeds and classes in the community have accepted the Treaty, and are willing to work it. With the exception of telegrams from a few extremists in America, the would-be wreckers of the Treaty have not published any evidence in support of their attitude.

ROSCOMMON'S DEMAND.

MESSAGE TO MR. DE VALERA.

The following is a copy of a telegram sent by Rev. Canon Cummins, Roscommon, to Mr. de Valera:—

"While cherishing undying gratitude for your services, and appreciating your position, Roscommon demands with practical unanimity ratification of Treaty."

GALWAY URBAN COUNCIL

FOR RATIFICATION.

At the Galway Urban Council last night, Dr. Thomas Walsh, Chairman, presiding, Mr. J. A. Grehan proposed the following resolution, which was passed unanimously:—

"That we, on behalf of the people of Galway, call on the representatives of the County Galway—Drs. Cusack and English, and Messrs. Nicolls, Hogan, Whelehan, Mellows, Fahy, and O'Maille—to vote in the Dail for the ratification of the Treaty between England and Ireland, and that copies of this resolution be sent to each representative."

Mr. M. Faherty seconded.

Mr. Lee said that the Treaty might not embody all the aspirations of the Irish people, but it gave grounds to work on and build up. He hoped that Dail Eireann would ratify it, and that it would not be the cause of any ill-feeling between the members, because at present they required not merely the assistance of Dail Eireann, but of all the intelligence in Ireland, to build up the country.

Mr. Connolly said that he thought it the duty of every public body in Ireland to pass similar resolutions.

BUNCRANA COUNCIL.

Buncrana Urban Council, which was attended by Unionist and Sinn Fein members, unanimously adopted the following resolution:—

"That this Urban Council, believing that the plenipotentiaries secured all that was essential, and more than was thought possible, at the Conference in London, declare for ratification of the Treaty without further delay, and urge the Dail to establish forthwith the Provisional Government provided for thereunder, and to get to business without further speech-making, and we hereby direct our six deputies to record their votes in favour of such ratification."

East Donegal Sinn Fein Executive yesterday passed a resolution stating that the Treaty is consistent with the basis on which the Conference took place. The resolution added that "as this basis—namely, association with the free nations forming the British Commonwealth—was defined and accepted by Dail Eireann, and as the people of East Donegal see no alternative but chaos, we call on the Donegal deputies to vote for the Treaty or resign forthwith." The resolution added that the delegates hoped that the leaders would bury all differences and work in unity for the country's good.

The Strabane Urban Council will meet today to consider a resolution accepting the Peace Treaty. The town is overwhelmingly in favour of ratification.

Although few public bodies in Co. Kildare so far have pronounced opinion formally on the Treaty, it is manifest that opinion is overwhelmingly in favour of acceptance.

The County Council has been specially sum moned to meet to-day to consider the terms of the Treaty.

The following resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Council of Drogheda Chamber of Commerce last evening:—"As the Council of a Chamber devoted to the interests of trade and commerce in the town of Drogheda, we are of opinion that the Treaty should be ratified, and thus enable Irish industries to be developed, and avoid further national conflict, which is detrimental to the prosperity of the country."

KING'S CO. COUNCIL

SUPPORTS PEACE TREATY.

King's County Council yesterday passed a resolution by 14 votes to 7, calling on their two Dail representatives to support the ratification of the Treaty as the best means of attaining freedom in Ireland and peace with England.

An amendment appealing to the Dail for unity was supported only by seven members.

The matter was discussed in the absence of the Press, but before the Press left views were expressed that the matter should be left to Dail Eireann to settle without interference. One member considered that the only way in which public feeling could be tested was by an election, and that that was out of the question at present. Another member said that the Press of the country was rotten, and that the matter of ratification should not be prejudiced one way or the other.

CLONMEL SPEAKS.

CORPORATION'S RESOLUTION.

A special meeting of Clonmel Corporation was held last evening to consider a resolution with reference to the Treaty. Councillor W. J. Skinner, solicitor, presided.

Alderman David O'Connor proposed a resolution, which stated:—

"We, the Corporation of Clonmel, elected representatives of the capital of Tipperary, feel it incumbent on us to voice the feelings of the citizens of the borough in the present great national crisis, by recording our emphatic approval of the Treaty settlement secured for us by our true and trusted plenipotentiaries. Though the terms may not include all that the country desired, we must honestly realise that where give and take were necessary to an agreement we have secured all the essentials of nationhood, and the right to work out our national destinies, absolutely free from the domination of the foreign Power that has so long held the country in blighting thraldom.

"We regard the Treaty as the real beginning of a new era in Ireland, leading up in the future to the widest and fullest national development. The Treaty has realised the aspirations of the people. It is a triumph for Irish statesmanship and diplomacy.

"The alternatives suggested by the rejection of the Treaty are unthinkable, for they mean chaos, misery; nay, annihilation to this long tortured country.

"We call upon our local representatives and other members of An Dail to vote for the ratification of the Treaty, and at all costs to preserve national unity."

Councillor Stapleton, President of the Transport Union, in seconding, said that he had instructions from the organised workers to support any resolution in favour of the Treaty.

After further speeches, the resolution was put and passed with acclamation, there being no dissentient.

At a meeting of the Clonmel Trades and Labour Council, Mr. A. B. Brady, President, presiding, it was resolved, on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. P. Quirke—

"That we, the representatives of the organised workers of Clonmel and district, while holding admiration and esteem for the magnificent work of President de Valera, maintain that the terms of the Treaty, as agreed to and signed by the plenipotentiaries of the Irish Government in London, should be ratified."

LIMERICK.

Feeling in Limerick is steadily becoming more pronounced in favour of the ratification of the Peace Treaty.

WEXFORD.

FEELING STILL GROWING.

As the time for the resumed session of Dail Eireann approaches, the feeling in Wexford in favour of ratification of the Peace Treaty becomes more intensified. It is also generally believed that Alderman R. Corish, Mayor, will support Mr. Griffith's motion.

A public meeting has been called by the Co. Wexford Farmers' Association, and it is stated that among the speakers will be Mr. Roger Sweetman, formerly M.P. for North Wexford. The notice convening the meeting states that it has been summoned for the purpose of calling on the Deputies to vote for ratification in the interests of the country.

Lady's Island and Tacumshane Sinn Fein Club have adopted a resolution calling on the Deputies of County Wexford to vote for Mr. Griffith's motion, and on Dail Eireann, in order to avoid a split, to arrive at an unanimous decision.

WICKLOW BOARD OF HEALTH.

County Wicklow Board of Health—the recently formed new Board under the Sinn Fein amalgamation scheme—has unanimously called for the ratification of the Treaty.

WATERFORD'S APPROVAL.

At a meeting of the Committee of Gaultier (Co. Waterford) Cow-Testing Association, held at Woodstown on Wednesday, Mr. E. Winston Barron presiding, it was unanimously resolved—

"That this meeting expresses its complete confidence in the Irish delegates, and believes that the terms of the Treaty are in accordance with the best interests of the country."

The resolution was proposed by the Very Rev. Canon Casey, P.P., and seconded by Sir Robert Paul, Bart.

COUNTY CORK.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

A special meeting of the Council of the Cork Incorporated Chamber of Commerce and Shipping was held yesterday to consider the Treaty. Mr. W. T. Green presided.

On the proposition of Sir Stanley Harrington, seconded by Mr. Williams, it was resolved:—

"That the Council of the Cork Incorporated Chamber of Commerce and Shipping, while continuing to refrain from interference in party politics, feel bound to express their conviction that the ratification of the Peace Treaty is absolutely necessary for the future prosperity of Ireland, and is earnestly desired by the entire commercial community."

SECOND CHAMBER.

A meeting of the Second Cork Chamber of Commerce was held in the Victoria Hotel last night to afford members an opportunity of expressing their views on the Peace Treaty, and to take such joint action as may be decided upon. Mr. T. P. Dowdall, President, occupied the chair.

The Chairman said that a resolution had been drawn up which he would read. It was—

"That we, the members of Cork Chamber of Commerce, assembled at a special meeting, record our considered opinion that the proposed Treaty, which contains a very substantial measure of freedom and the potentiality of its fuller development, ought to be ratified by Dail Eireann. We appeal to all Irish citizens to unite in working the Treaty, and we call on the city representatives to support ratification and to help to free the country from imminent moral and economic chaos."

He begged to propose the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. J. Haly seconded.

The resolution was unanimously adopted, and copies ordered to be forwarded to Mr. de Valera and Mr. Griffith.

Mr. J. C. Foley proposed that they appoint a small sub-committee to co-operate with the Cork Incorporated Chamber of Commerce and Shipping, with a view to collecting the views of the commercial community of Cork, to submit a resolution to them, and to get a reply before next Tuesday. He said that with such cooperation he thought it would be possible to get a big volume of opinion of the commercial people of the city. Cork had paid a big price for political and economic freedom, and the commercial men of Cork had a right to speak out, as no other part of Ireland had, and ought to be listened to with respect.

Mr. W. J. O'Sullivan seconded the resolution, which was passed, and a sub-committee of three was appointed.

A letter was read from Mr. Barry M. Egan, Deputy Lord Mayor, regretting inability to attend, and supporting the resolution in favour of ratification of the Treaty.

SINN FEIN EXECUTIVE.

A meeting specially convened by circular of the West Cork Sinn Fein Executive, under the presidency of Rev. P. O'Donovan, P.P., Caheragh, President of that body, was held at Bantry yesterday "to give to the members an opportunity of confirming or repudiating the views expressed by their T.D., Mr. Sean Hayes, on the Peace Treaty."

There were several clergymen present, including Rev. Father Crowley, C.C., Caheragh, Father Hurley, C.C., Bantry, and these signified their approval of the Treaty, as did the following clergymen by letters:—Rev. President, Very Rev. Canon Murphy, P.P., V.F., Bantry; Rev. Father O'Leary, C.C., Bantry; Rev. Father Desmond, P.P., Durrus; Rev. Father O'Connor, P.P., Glengariffe; Rev. Father Lynch, C.C., Bantry; Rev. Father Murphy, C.C., Kealkil.

A vote was taken of the clubs represented, and it showed nine for ratification of Treaty, and three against. Rev. Father O'Connor, writing to Canon Murphy, Bantry, said that everyone in his parish (Glengariffe) was heartily in favour of ratification of the Peace Treaty.

At a summarily convened meeting for a like purpose held at Dunmanway, a resolution in favour of ratification of the Peace Treaty was carried unanimously.

YOUGHAL RURAL COUNCIL.

At the monthly meeting of Youghal No. 1 Rural Council yesterday, a resolution was unanimously adopted on the proposition of the Chairman, Mr. T. Behausand, seconded by Mr. J. Mulcahy, recommending that in case of a division in the Dail on the question of the Treaty, the minority should fall in with the majority, and that the members should stand by one another in the interests of the country.

LEFT TO THE DAIL.

SOUTH DUBLIN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The South Dublin Rural District Council, at its meeting yesterday, had under consideration the question of the Peace Treaty, and unanimously agreed that until Mr. de Valera had publicly declared his alternative policy, loyalty to the Dail pointed to abstention from interference with the proceedings of a body in whom the nation had absolute trust.

CLAREMORRIS COUNCIL.

The Claremorris District Council yesterday discussed the acceptance of the Peace Treaty, and decided not to pass a resolution on the subject, but to leave the matter in the hands of Dail Eireann.

The Chairman (Mr. Coyne) said that all the men that he had met favoured the Treaty, and Mr. Brennan stated that as they had pledged allegiance to Dail Eireann, and as the Dail had not yet finished their arguments, he did not see why they should pass a resolution.

Mr. McDonnell said that when their leaders were for and against the Treaty it was hard for that Council to pronounce on it.

CO-OPERATION.

LORD MIDLETON'S OPINION.

The Earl of Midleton, in a message to the *Newry Telegraph*, says:—

"Those with whom I act have for a long time past advocated that, if any measure of Home Rule were granted, Ireland should have full control of her own finances, subject, of course, to a proper arrangement with Great Britain for past expenditure, for which both countries were responsible.

"The British Government have now conceded a far wider measure, and scope is given thereby to the statesmanship of Ireland to work out the future destinies of the country.

"I am personally convinced that Ireland can only find prosperity by an agreement being come to between North and South for such services as are common to the whole country. It is unthinkable that Ireland should have two armies levied against each other, or systems of taxation widely divergent.

"It is also a first condition of Irish prosperity that the unrest which has been so long prevalent should be brought promptly to a close, and that opportunities should thus be given for developing the agricultural and commercial resources of Ireland.

"I trust that all Southern Unionists will cooperate to bring about these results in the interests of the whole country."

ULSTER'S POSITION.

THE TREATY PROPOSALS.

Mr. C. P. Johnston, D.L., presided at the annual meeting of the North Armagh Unionist Association, in the Portadown Orange Hall, on Wednesday evening. He said that they had met at a critical time. Since their last annual meeting a Northern Parliament had been established, and was now functioning. So far as that was concerned, they were apparently in a more secure position, but, as they all knew, there was a threat to deprive them of a portion of the six-county area. They were satisfied that their representatives would withstand any attempt to take away portion of the six counties from them, and they might safely leave that matter in their hands, knowing that they would in the future, as in the past, act in the best interests of the North of Ireland. (Hear, hear.)

Since the Northern Parliament had been set up an attempt had been made by the Imperial Government to make Ireland a Free State. In all probability the Sinn Feiners would accept the agreement which their representatives had entered into with the Imperial Government. If they did, he hoped that when their Parliament was formed they would be sensible enough to see that the only way in which they could promote the interests of the country would be by relying on their own labour and talent and by keeping peace with their neighbours. The difficulty with them (the Ulster loyalists) was that they would not let them keep the peace. They had tried it, and they would try it, but it might be that they would be driven into a more positive opposition than in the past. (Applause.)

Sir William Allen, M.P., referring to the agreement with Sinn Fein, said that the Government during the debate in the Imperial Parliament seemed to be absolutely muzzled by the exact terms of the "Treaty."

AGAINST ULSTER'S INTERESTS.

The agreement which the Government had entered into with Sinn Fein was not only against the interests of Ulster, but it was against the interests of the Empire as a whole, because it was a surrender to murder. The Treaty had been passed by the House of Commons, in which there were men whom they formerly regarded as among their best friends. He believed that they would live to regret it.

He had no doubt that the Treaty would be accepted, judging by the reports that were being published from the Southern counties. If the counties had had the opportunity a year ago he believed they would have settled, but the gunmen were on top then, and the counties had no opportunity of expressing their opinion. They would accept the Treaty as a step to final separation, if they could manage that. But they had Ulster to deal with, and, so far as he was concerned, he was not at all down-hearted about Ulster, although the British Cabinet had broken away from their bargain in attempting to interfere with the six-county boundary.

Mr. Lloyd George had declared in the House of Commons that the Treaty, as a Treaty, must stand, and their opinion was that the Act of 1920 should have been just as binding on the Prime Minister's conscience as the Treaty with gunmen and rebels. (Applause.) They knew perfectly well that the oath the Sinn Feiners had got was deliberately arranged, and they said so in the House of Commons. These men would do anything to gain their ends.

BOUNDARIES QUESTION.

ULSTER'S OPPOSITION.

Referring to the Government's proposal to change the boundary line of the six-county area, Sir William said that they had got to tell the Cabinet that they were determined to stand by the Act of 1920. (Applause.) They said that as loyalists they had as much right to the terms of that Act as the gunmen, who had killed and murdered citizens of this island, had to the terms of the Treaty. In regard to this matter they must stand firm. (Applause.)

Alluding to finance, Sir William said that some people thought that Ulster would be much worse off than the Southern part of Ireland, but he did not for a moment believe that. He was quite satisfied that in the end the financial position of the six counties would be much better than the finances of Southern Ireland. Ulstermen had succeeded in the past, and there was no reason why they should not succeed in the future. If they made up their minds as business men, Imperialists and patriots, to stand by what had been given to them he was convinced that the result would be satisfactory to them.

Let them not mind the propaganda of the British Cabinet.

The British Cabinet were gloating over the Irish peace settlement, but he believed that it was the first step in the wrecking of this great Empire.

The loyalists of Ulster might be sold now by men in temporary power, but other men would be raised up in future who would be glad to find that there was a people who in their generation were so faithful to Imperialism as they were. (Applause.)

Major D. G. Shillington, M.P., said that, although things looked very dark at present, there was no occasion for despondency. They had been in tight corners before and they had come through, and he was perfectly satisfied that they would come through again. (Applause.)

RHINE RAILWAY STRIKE.

BERLIN, Thursday.

A strike which broke out yesterday among railway workers in the Rhenish industrial region particularly affects the Elberfeld Railway zone, where all goods and passenger traffic is at a standstill, with the exception of trains required for the use of the Inter-Allied Commission.

The Cabinet yesterday rejected the railway workers' demand for an increase in wages. In some quarters it is feared that the General Union of Railway Workers may lend countenance to the strike.—(Reuter.)

ROSSE COLLEGE, STEPHEN'S GREEN.
The College will be closed during Christmas Week. All Classes will resume on Monday, January 2nd.—(Advt.)

WAR ON ROBBER GANGS.

GOVERNMENT AID DEMANDED.

One of the most urgent tasks which the present, or any future, Government of Ireland will have to face is the extirpation and punishment of the brigands who, by day and night, have been terrorising and plundering the countryside.

People are "held up" in the streets, banks, post offices, and commercial offices; shops are raided, and life seems to be held as cheaply as in some mining town in Western America. It is an organised business, and the details are carefully planned. The risk attending a raid on a bank in broad daylight is very considerable, but if it succeeds the reward is handsome. To get away with a couple of thousand pounds, or even a few hundreds, is ample compensation for the risk, whether it be small or great. So many of these raids have been successful that they are a strong incentive to others to go and do likewise.

No man walking the streets after nightfall is safe from the depredations of the footpad, and no man or woman in the seclusion of their home can reckon upon being immune from a nocturnal visit from these marauders.

This scourge is not confined to Dublin. Its evil agents are pursuing their operations from Cork to Donegal. Donegal is said to be overrun with robber-gangs. An outstanding instance of their reckless savagery was reported in yesterday's paper. At 4 o'clock in the morning a gang knocked at the door of a widow, the owner of a publichouse in the country, presented a revolver at her head, and took away in money and goods about £90. This is not an isolated instance in that county.

North, south, east, and west outrages, varying in degrees of daring and callousness, are taking place, and the perpetrators, in the majority of cases, evade punishment.

The time has arrived when the Government must stamp out this evil. The confusion and disturbance which upset all law and order in this country during the past couple of years afforded an opportunity to cracksmen and thieves from abroad to ply their trade almost without hindrance. All those daring acts of robbery which have taken place up and down the country are not done by foreigners—far from it. This statement is made on the authority of the police.

The police authorities are doing all they can to protect the people.

Bank officials are now supplied with arms to protect themselves and the property of the bank in the event of a raid by robbers. The Dublin Metropolitan Police have offered special protection to merchants and others who may have large sums of money on their premises, or who may be transferring it to a bank or to a *dépôt* where employés have to be paid. Not only have they arranged for foot patrols, but they have also motor cars in readiness to pursue the thieves. In their efforts to cope with this pest the police are ably and willingly supported and assisted by the Republican police. The latter have done good work in this field of operations, and they have been the means of restoring large sums of stolen money to its owners.

The public, too, have a duty in the matter. They should give the alarm of a raid when they can, and use the telephone in summoning the aid of the police.

In the banks in the United States every precaution is taken to meet the assaults of robbers. An ingenious system of telephone has been installed, whereby a "call" can be made without the knowledge of the raiders. This is made possible by a contrivance placed under a desk or table, to be pressed by the foot on the instant. There is also in most of these offices an elevated observation pulpit in which a man armed with a shotgun or pistol is always ready to play an effective part with unwelcome customers.

The robber gangs must be broken up at any cost, and when individuals are convicted they must be condemned to exemplary punishment.

FILM ACTRESS TO WED.

MISS PADDY BURKE'S ENGAGEMENT.

Miss Paddy Burke, who holds the distinction of being the first woman to produce her own films, and is the founder of the Golden West Film Company, is shortly to be married to the well-known film actor and producer, Mr. Tony Fox, whose features are familiar to every picture theatre frequenter in this country.

Both Miss Burke and Mr. Fox are Americans, although Miss Burke claims descent from Edmund Burke. After their marriage they are to collaborate together with the idea of producing pictures in England more suitable to the liking of the average cinema-goer in this country.

SHATTERED WORLD.

SIR ROBERT HORNE'S APPEAL.

In a message to the *Financial News* of today, Sir Robert Horne says:—The first necessities of the world are the peace and good-will which the Christmas season inculcates and enjoins. Nations are still too prone to hatreds, jealousies, rancours, and feuds, apparently oblivious of the fact that only by the cooperation of all will any be saved from disaster.

The utmost exertions of every country, great and small, are required to-day if civilisation, as we know it, is to be preserved and maintained. Let us, then, in the spirit of the Christian message, unite together as brethren in every land to restore by common effort the shattered fortunes of mankind.

SIR R. ROSS HONOURED.

FAMOUS AUTHORITY ON TROPICAL DISEASES.

Sir Ronald Ross, who has just been elected a Foreign Associate of the French Academy of Medicine, is a very distinguished British physician, and a leading authority on tropical diseases.

Educated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, he entered the Indian Medical Service in 1881. In 1892 he commenced a special study of malaria, and three years later he was presented with the Parke's Gold Medal. In 1895 he undertook experimental verification of the mosquito-theory of malaria, and by the end of 1898 he had discovered the complete life-history of malaria parasites in mosquitoes. In 1899 he definitely established the mosquito-theory of malaria when he led an expedition which found malaria-bearing mosquitos in West Africa.

In addition to his treatises on tropical diseases and his mathematical and medical works, Sir Ronald has published "Philosophic and Other Poems" and a novel entitled "The Revels of Orsera."

Until recently he was Consultant in Malaria to the War Office.

CHANGING LONDON.

TRANSFORMING A HISTORIC SITE.

St. Helens place, Bishopsgate, a bit of old London, is to undergo extensive alterations. The Great Northern Telegraph Company have acquired from the Leathersellers' Company the lease of the land on which six old houses are built. The place is cut off from Bishopsgate by iron railings and a pair of iron gates, and at the end is the Hall of the Leathersellers' Company, rebuilt in 1878, on the site of the Hall of the Black Nuns of St. Helens.

The property was bought by the Leathersellers' Company soon after the surrender of the old priory to Henry VIII., the whole of the property in St. Helens place belonging to the company. The six houses to be demolished were built on the site of Little St. Helens in 1799. One of the former buildings was a meeting place for Dissenters, and in it was held the first ordination by any Nonconformists after the passing of the Bartholomew Act in 1694.

The old brick houses will be replaced by a block of modern offices. The displaced tenants include Messrs. Dunn, Soman, and Coverdale, auctioneers and surveyors, who have occupied the premises for more than 30 years. Sir William Dunn, ex-Lord Mayor, is founder of the firm, who will carry on business at Crosby House, Great St. Helens.

ENGLISH BUILDERS' WAGES.

An agreement, it is understood, has been reached regarding wages of the building trade operatives in England, and the proposals have been circulated to the branches of the Operatives' Federation for ratification. The result is expected to be reported to a meeting of the Wages and Conditions Council in London on January 12 and 13. The General Secretary of the Operatives' Federation said last night, however, that owing to the variety of the proposals ratification might possibly be deferred till a later meeting of the Council. It is also understood that there is now a possibility of an agreement being reached on the 44-hour week.

He need not fear the coming Year,
Whose drink is WELCO Cocoa! —(Advt.)

MOTOR TAXES.

IRISH CASE FOR A REDUCTION.

Motorists in this country are wondering what the new Irish Government will do towards reducing the existing heavy taxation on motor cars.

It will be recalled that early in the present year there was a great outcry by the trade, and motorists generally, against the £1 per horse-power tax. A great many letters appeared in the *Irish Times* on the subject, and although the most strenuous opposition was offered to the Government's action all efforts to secure a reduction failed.

The heavy tax is keenly felt by motorists, especially the owners of Ford cars. The tax weighs more heavily upon them than upon the owners of higher-priced cars.

AN INJUSTICE.

A "Ford Owner and User," writing to the *Irish Times* says:—

"The majority of motorists in Ireland are users of the Ford car. Our tax was £6 6s. A British Commission, headed by Sir Eric Geddes, with a stroke of the pen, decreed that we must pay a tax of £24, and not £6 6s., in order to assist British manufacturers. Has any Commission, or any Government, British or Irish, a right to perpetrate this injustice? Are we Irish users going to submit to this treatment, and to take it 'lying down'? If not, we must at once combine and refuse to pay.

"Some of us—most of us, as a matter of fact—travel from 600 to 1,500 miles per year. We do the roads no harm, and our cars are strained and damaged crossing trenches and broken bridges all the time.

"There is no time to be lost. Who is the licensing authority? It is untrue to say that any country district benefits by Sir E. Geddes's tax: we do not see one penny of it. A tax on petrol consumption must, and shall be, the basis under our progressive new Government."

Mr. E. White, President of the Royal Irish Automobile Club, who was the representative of Ireland on the Roads Committee of the Transport Ministry, explained to an *Irish Times* representative yesterday that the monies collected from Irish motorists on foot of the tax have been placed in a separate account to be paid over as soon as the new Irish Government has been formed, and these monies, he was convinced, would be applied by the new Irish Government to the betterment of the roads. Necessarily, the whole matter has been held up owing to the existing political conditions.

"In England, Scotland, and Wales," said Mr. White, "where the taxes have been collected similarly the amounts are being applied daily in augmentation of the funds provided by local authorities in the repair and upkeep of the roads. Similar arrangements will, no doubt, be made in Ireland in regard to the taxes collected from Irish motorists. What taxation (if any) or other arrangements will be made in the future in Ireland will be a matter for consideration by the new Irish Government."

DAMAGE TO ROADS.

A well-known Dublin motor engineer pointed out the anomalies which exist under the present system of taxation. The tax is fixed at £1 per horse-power, or portion of horse-power. Thus a tax of £23 (not £24, as "Ford Owner and User" says in his letter), has to be paid on a 22½ horse-power Ford car. On the other hand, the owner of a 16 horse-power Sunbeam car, costing, say, £1,100, against the Ford's £200 or £300, will only be liable for £16. Again, a three-ton lorry, which, when loaded, weighs six tons, is only liable to a tax of £28. The Ford car weighs 14 cwt.

"It must be obvious to everybody," he said, "that a six-ton lorry is bound to cause a great deal more injury to a road than a 14 cwt. light car running on pneumatic tyres. Motor coaches pay a higher rate, but they do not pay a rate in proportion to the damage inflicted by them on the roads.

"The motor car is no longer a pleasure vehicle. Motors, as far as this country is concerned, are a necessity, and not a luxury, and this is due to the bad railway facilities.

"I know a man who has a farm in Meath and another in Westmeath. By using the motor car he can go from the Meath farm to the Westmeath one, a distance of forty miles, in about two hours. To reach the same farm by rail he has to come to Dublin, stay a night in the city, and take a train from Broadstone the following day. You see the waste of time involved in travelling 130 miles by rail. Hundreds of such cases must arise all over Ireland.

"Commercial travellers are also using motor cars extensively, as by this means they can do their journeys more expeditiously than by rail.

ANTIQUATED SYSTEM.

"If there was an equitable tax on all cars, and on Ford cars in particular, the motoring public would, I believe, pay a tax towards the upkeep of the roads cheerfully, either in the form of a tax on the petrol used or on the cars themselves. It would need, however, to be on a more equitable system of calculation than that at present adopted. The horse-power of the car is at present calculated on the R.A.C. formula, which is unjust and unfair."

While agreeing that motorists should pay their quota towards the upkeep of the roads, the gentleman interviewed urged that motorists should not be the only road users who were taxed. The only parties who should be exempt from the tax were the users of the push bicycle. The thing was to get the new Government to take the matter up, and, if motorists were to be taxed, to have the tax fixed on an equitable basis.

SHIPBUILDING SLUMP.

ONLY WAY TO PROSPERITY.

Writing in the Special Shipbuilding and Engineering Number of the *Glasgow Herald* (published to-day), Mr. James Lithgow, President of the Shipbuilding Employers' Federation, declares that it is the purest humbug to suggest, under present conditions, that shipbuilding prosperity can be regained at anything like the present level of wages. The suggestions that foreign competition is of no great consequence, and that British shipbuilding can flourish without foreign orders, show an ignorance of the facts. Any semblance of prosperity in British shipbuilding is wholly dependent upon international factors.

Labour in the building of a ship costs 250 per cent. more than in the last dull period (1909), owing to shorter hours, less effort, more restricted conditions of labour, and the continuance of wage increases justified by war conditions, but which must be given up before any revival can be looked for, and which, in the best interests of the workers nominally in enjoyment of them, but actually unemployed, should have been given up months ago.

QUARRY EXPLOSION.

ONE MAN KILLED.

Yesterday morning a serious accident occurred at the Great Northern Railway Company's quarry at Goraghwood, near Newry, resulting in the death of Foreman William Hanna and serious injury to two other men—Samuel Greer, of Moytown, Bessbrook, and Isaac Murphy, John Mitchel street, Newry. All of the victims were married men.

They were packing the "charge" when it exploded. Hanna received shocking facial injuries, and one of his arms was blown off. Greer had one of his legs smashed and torn. He also received a severe wound in the face. Murphy escaped with some facial injuries and shock.

The other men in the quarry, which is near the main line at Goraghwood Junction were some distance away at the time. On hearing the cries of their wounded companions they rushed to the spot, and carried them down to the junction, whence they were taken at once to the Newry Hospital by train.

Hanna was then dead. The condition of Greer is stated to be dangerous.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE.

Mr. and Mrs. Leggett Byrne have arranged to hold a gala night to-morrow (New Year's Eve) in their ballroom, 27 Adelaide road, Dublin, which has been specially decorated for the holidays. Dancing will begin at 8 p.m. and will terminate about 12.15, with the entrance of the New Year. During the evening there will be a shower of balloons, and serpentine streamers will also be one of the many carnival novelties. A souvenir "Black Cat" (lucky fans) will be given to the ladies. Mr. Manahan will have charge of the music.

LANDRU ON THE BRAIN.

PARIS, Wednesday.

Two Seine bargees were seated in a boat smoking their pipes during the Christmas holidays, when they saw a woman throw herself into the river. They pulled her out and took her to the nearest police station. She was a concierge employed in the neighbourhood.

In reply to questions, she said: "I am pursued by Landru, who has sworn to cut me into mince-meat and burn me afterwards."

The police official, after attempting to reassure her, sent her to hospital. Her last words as she left him were: "Oh! I know where you are sending me. He will burn me, that's certain, and he will be given the Legion of Honour for his twelfth exploit."—(Reuter.)

ANGLO-NORWEGIAN TRADE.

The King of Norway yesterday opened Norway House in London. The building is primarily connected with the promotion of Anglo-Norwegian commerce.

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS

A FATAL COLLISION.

The Dublin City Coroner held an inquest on the body of Michael Whelan, a cab driver, in the employment of Mary Cox, Bolton street, whose death, according to the medical evidence, resulted from the rupture of a blood vessel in the brain. On Christmas Eve Whelan had driven some passengers to Upper Clanbrassil street, and his cab was standing opposite the house, No. 42, in that thoroughfare, when a collision occurred between it and a tramcar running towards Harold's Cross. One of the occupants of the cab, on getting out of the vehicle, saw Whelan lying on the roadway, having, presumably, fallen from his seat on the cab when it was struck by the tram car. This man stated that he was struck and knocked down by the tram car, and received a cut over the eye, for which he was treated in hospital. Whelan was taken to the Meath Hospital, where his death occurred on Monday last. The jury found that death was due to apoplexy, caused by being knocked down by the tram car. The night, a witness said, was fairly dark when the accident occurred.

POCKET PICKED AT NELSON PILLAR.—Six months' hard labour was the sentence imposed yesterday by Mr. Cooper in Dublin Police Court in the case of Michael O'Neill, who pleaded guilty to the charge of having taken from the pocket of Mary Slattery a purse containing eighteen shillings at Nelson's Pillar on the 17th inst.

GRAFTON STREET LOITERER.—For loitering with alleged intent to commit a felony, Patrick Reilly was sent to jail in Dublin yesterday for fourteen days. The evidence showed that he was in the habit of loitering at the corner of Grafton street, and getting among the crowds waiting there for tram cars.

ULSTER.

DONEGAL MURDER CHARGE.—At a Special Court in Londonderry on Wednesday evening, before Mr. Sparrow, R.M., a water bailiff named Neal Murray, belonging to Creanerey, Creeslough, County Donegal, was charged with the murder of Daniel Carr, Drumnacarry, by shooting him with a gun. He was remanded to Sligo Jail.

VOLUNTEERS' MEMORIAL.—At a cost of £500, a monument, 14 feet high, and representing a bugler sounding the "Last Post," has been erected in Glendermott Parish Church grounds by the officers men and friends of the 1st North Derry Battalion, U.V.F., to the memory of their 78 comrades from the battalion who fell in the war.

CONNAUGHT.

KILLED BY HORSE'S KICK.—Patrick Brady, Rockfield, Claremorris, has died from injuries that he received last week through being knocked down and kicked by his horse. A pig ran into the stable, and Brady, in rescuing it from under the horse's feet, received fatal injuries.

MUNSTER.

POLICEMEN COMPENSATED.—At Nenagh Quarter Sessions yesterday Constable Mahony, Borrisokane, was awarded £75 for personal injuries; Constable Clarke. £21, and Constable Jordan £10. They were injured by their motor lorry running into a road trench in November last.

During the Christmas season American money orders to the value of £1,500 were cashed at Clonmel Post Office.

At the annual meeting of the Stradbally (Queen's Co.) Farmers' Union Sir Hunt H. A. J. Walsh, Bart., D.L., was re-elected chairman, and Mr. John W. Young, D.L., was re-elected vice-chairman.

The monthly meeting of the Dublin Clerical Association will be held on Monday at 37 Dawson street at 2.30 p.m. A paper will be read by the Rev. F. C. Long on "The Christian Doctrine of the Atonement."

Patrick Tuohy, commercial traveller, 25 North Frederick street, Dublin, was fined £5 at Kingstown Police Court yesterday by Mr. Collins, K.C., for driving a motor cycle without having paid the Excise duty under the Finance Act of 1920.

Mr. John Wycliffe Pollock, Assistant Town Clerk, was, at a special meeting of the Lurgan Urban Council yesterday, unanimously appointed temporary Town Clerk until the election of a permanent official.

The American steamer, Eastern King, which left the Liffey yesterday, carried about one hundred bales of Irish wool and about half a hundred bales of rabbit skins.

On Tuesday the deaf residents in Dublin were entertained at 8 Dawson street. Forty-three sat down to tea, after which Rev. F. A. Elliott, on behalf of the deaf, thanked Mrs. Thompson, who offered to bear the expense of the entertainment. Afterwards there were games and a lantern exhibition.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Meath Hospital *Fête* the Honorary Treasurer presented a statement showing a net profit of £2,370. On the motion of Lady Taylor, the stallholders and all who kindly helped were thanked. The Matron and the honorary officers of the *Fête* were also thanked.

At the meeting of the Committee of the Rathmines Public Library, the Chairman (Mr. Robert Benson, J.P.) referred to the loss sustained by the library through the death of the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Francis McBride, J.P., and a resolution was passed recording the Committee's deep sense of the great loss it has sustained through the death of its esteemed Vice-Chairman, who was Chairman of the Committee from 1908 to 1919, and a member of the Urban District Council from 1898-1920.

The third of the series of lectures adapted to a juvenile auditory will be given by F. W. Warwick, B.A., in the Lecture Theatre of the Royal Dublin Society, Kildare street, at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The subject of the lecture will be "A Visit to a Steel Works." Cinema pictures will be shown illustrating the various stages and operations in the production of steel. The lecture will also deal with forging and other operations on a large steel ingot.

CAUGHT BY SOLDIERS.

BELFAST MAN AND HIS REVOLVER.

Sentences of three months' imprisonment with hard labour were imposed in Belfast yesterday upon James McGuinness, Vere street, and Patrick Morgan, Wall street, for having arms and ammunition in their possession in the North Queen street area.

A military sergeant stated that on December 7th there was shooting in North Queen street and Vere street. He took a party of soldiers there, and commenced a search of some houses. M'Guinness came into North Queen street, and the witness called upon him to halt. Instead of doing so he dashed into a publichouse, where the witness arrested him, and found in his pocket a fully loaded Webley revolver.

Morgan was arrested in a house in Park street, which was searched by the police. He had ten rounds of rifle ammunition in his possession.

The prisoners refused to recognise the Court.

BELFAST BOYCOTT.

TWO MEN SENT FOR TRIAL.

At Strabane yesterday John Hoynes and Joseph McGarrigle were returned for trial to the Tyrone Assizes, charged with preventing intending customers from entering John Moore's grocery shop. The case, it was stated, arose out of the boycott of shops which were said to be dealing with Belfast. The men were allowed out on bail.

They stated that they did not recognise the Court, but afterwards they gave bail, themselves in £25 and two securities of £12 10s. each.

DEAR GAS IN BELFAST.

There is a growing demand in Belfast for a reduction in the price of gas, and representations on the subject are being made to members of the Gas Committee of the Belfast Corporation. One correspondent points out that, while coal has been reduced from 73s. to 51s., a decrease of 30 per cent., gas still remains at its highest war-time price.

CIVIL SERVANTS AND ULSTER.

The re-issue by the heads of Government departments of the form of questionnaire addressed by the Civil Service Committee to Irish civil servants was considered by the staff side of the Irish Joint Council at a meeting in Dublin yesterday. The meeting decided to advise Irish officers to answer the first two questions. All of the questions relate to the transfer of civil servants to Northern Ireland.

SKERRY'S SCHOOL,
10 Harcourt st., Dublin, provides Specialised Tuition in Shorthand, Typewriting, and Book-keeping, etc. The most up-to-date Commercial School in Ireland. Shorthand Speed Classes to suit all rates. Proficient Students assisted to situations. 662 Certificates in Shorthand, Typewriting, and Book-keeping, and over 155 appointments, obtained by Students of the School since January. 1920. Full work will be resumed in all classes on Monday, 2nd January.—(Advt.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

IRELAND AND THE EMPIRE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—The following extract from Wendell Phillips's lecture on Daniel O'Connell is most applicable to the present Irish political situation:—

"Considering O'Connell's position, I wholly sympathise in his profound and unshaken loyalty to the Empire. Its share in the British Empire makes Ireland's strength and importance. Standing alone among the vast and massive sovereignties of Europe, she would be weak, insignificant, and helpless. Were I an Irishman, I should cling to the Empire."

The classical address on the famous Liberator from which this quotation is taken was delivered in the Music Hall, Boston, U.S.A., in August, 1875; but the advice of the famous American orator is as true to-day as when it was given more than forty-six years ago.—Yours, etc., "J. C. P."

Dublin, December 29th, 1921.

THE DUBLIN AND SOUTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—Two advertisements in your columns yesterday afford a contrast which is well worthy of attention from the unfortunate travellers who require the "facilities" provided by the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway. One is the announcement of the Great Northern Railway of a further reduction in the local first and second-class fares and the season ticket rates. The other is a notice by the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway of a still further increase in fares, which are already 100 *per cent.* over pre-war rates.

This increase is to be secured in several ways—(a) By providing only first and third-class accommodation for all services south of Greystones. It is expected by the profit-making authority that existing second-class travellers will consent to be bled still more and pay the new first-class rate. They may derive some consolation from the fact that a reduction is thoughtfully provided for those who can at present afford to travel first-class.

(b) By cancelling return ticket rates and charging twice the single fare for a double journey. It is not clear if this refers only to stations south of Greystones. Possibly the competition with the Dublin United Tramways Company protects those residing north of Greystones for the present. In this connection a comparison of rates is instructive. The tram fare from Nelson Pillar to Sandycove Station is 6d.; the rail fare from Westland row second-class—as third-class accommodation is inferior to that of the tram—is 1s. 4d., or an excess of 166 *per cent.* The return fares are 1s. and 2s. respectively.

(c) By issuing season tickets over the whole system for one month only. This is a direct attack on the company's most regular customers—*i.e.*, those who support the line from January 1st to December 31st and purchase a yearly, half-yearly, or quarterly ticket in advance. It reduces them to the same plane as the holiday-maker who takes a monthly seaside ticket in summer, and then bids farewell to the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway. It will make the Dublin-Greystones second-class traveller pay £36 6s. for his £26 5s. ticket—an increase of £10 1s., or over 38 *per cent.* It strikes a blow at the municipalities along the line.

Clients of the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway have much to put up with, and possibly it is largely due to their failure to express their grievances publicly. The latest proposal appears to be the last straw, which they will surely deserve to bear if they do not take some practical steps to counter it. Second-class travellers may show their appreciation of the "profiteering" tactics by travelling third-class in future. Those who reside between Dublin and Dalkey might swell the large numbers who have already discarded the rail for the tram, and would save money thereby; and possibly steps might be taken to convene a meeting where this and kindred matters could be gone into.—Yours, etc., "Dun Laoghaire."

December 29th, 1921.

TRINITY COLLEGE AND THE IRISH FREE STATE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—May I be permitted to correct myself and to apologise for my mistake? I see, on reading my letter under this heading in your columns to-day, that I, through inadvertence, spoke of Sir Hercules MacDonnell, whereas—the error is obvious—I meant Sir Richard Gracey MacDonnell.

I think, perhaps, in my reference to the opposition of Trinity College to the Union I might have mentioned that the most strenuous of all the Trinity College anti-Unionists was William Magee, then a Fellow and Tutor of the College, and eventually Archbishop of Dublin. Archbishop Magee was a grandfather of William Magee, the Archbishop of York, of famous memory, and a great-grandfather of the eminent scholar and brilliant and impressive preacher who now fills the Chair of Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Dublin, on which his gifts of head and heart shed an additional lustre.—Yours, etc.,

J. G. Swift MacNeill.

Dublin, December 29th, 1921.

THE IRISH SITUATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—As we are about to cross the threshold of the New Year we are greatly exercised as to the future of the land in which we live and especially as to the future of our Church, whose members, through all the vicissitudes of the centuries, have been whole-heartedly devoted to the British connection. To say the least of it, we have been grievously disappointed by the recent attitude and action of responsible British statesmen in whose good faith we had implicit confidence. The course of procedure leading up to the so-called "settlement" of Irish affairs has been characterised with great plainness of speech by men who felt that it was not up to the level of honourable dealing. But, whatever we may think of it, it is now a thing of the past, and, as practical men, we must try to relate ourselves to the existing situation in a way that shall be consistent with our honour and self-respect.

One thing that we must not lose sight of is the sovereignty of God. He is always in power and, behind the time-serving manipulation of affairs by men in high places, there is the inevitable movement of His beneficent purpose towards the ultimate and complete fulfilment of His Will—and we know that He makes all things work together for good to those who are rightly related to Him. On this foundation rock our fathers firmly stood in many a trying time, and we should be unworthy of the great heritage they handed down to us if we failed to follow their example. Our strength is in quietness and confidence. No provocation should be allowed to overcome our patience and self-restraint. God can bring lasting good out of apparent evil, and in this crisis, as at all times, we should earnestly look to Him for all needed grace and guidance. Our Northern Prime Minister and other leaders are wise and able and straightforward men who may be trusted to discharge all their duties with capability and fairness; but we must not forget that God is over all, that His counsel shall stand, and that He will do all His pleasure. He will not fail us if we put our trust in Him and unreservedly seek to know and to follow His Will.

I am sure that prayer for Divine guidance in this trying time has been regularly offered by our Ministers and our people, but I should like to suggest that on next Sabbath, the first Sabbath and the first day of the New Year, special prayer should be offered in all our congregations, that the spirit of wisdom and understanding and the fear of the Lord may be poured out abundantly upon all our leaders and all our people, so that in this great crisis, we may be enabled to carry ourselves in a way that shall be worthy of our high calling and that shall adorn the teaching of God our Saviour.

Taking a wider outlook we are greatly gratified to find that, as far as we can judge, the Washington Conference has realised most of the hopes of those who wished it well. The leaders of the Allied Nations have given pledges of their desire to do away with causes of international strife and to allow men everywhere to address themselves, in an atmosphere of peace, to the great problems of reconstruction that, in all lands, demand solution. For this sign of a better time we have reason to thank God and take courage.

As we enter upon the duties and responsibilities of the New Year we should dedicate ourselves afresh to the Master and set ourselves afresh, through His grace, to serve Him in our several spheres with the best service it is in us to give, remembering that we are stewards and that it is required in a steward that a man be found faithful. The solution of all problems in this land and in other lands will be reached when the principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ are universally accepted and acted upon. Toward this great end we should live and work and pray with increased earnestness and conviction and confidence through all the coming days.—Yours, etc.,

W. J. Lowe, Moderator of Assembly.

Church House, Belfast, December 27th, 1921.

DUBLIN HOUSING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—As is evidenced by your leader in today's issue, the question of housing in Dublin is becoming once more one of immediate interest and urgency. The new era on which our country will, we hope, soon enter will bring to Dublin an increased population and consequently a still greater need for houses than at present exists. These must be provided some-how, and the danger is that the "somehow" will be "any-how," and much good money may be spent in putting them up in wrong places and wrong ways, as has too often been done in the past.

It is to be feared that the public, as a whole, is not yet fully convinced of the importance of a scheme being agreed upon as to the general lines on which development of the city and suburbs should proceed before work on an extensive scale is commenced. People are still prone to consider the town-planner an unpractical visionary and his schemes impossible ideals, but their error in doing so is great. Town-planning is simply forethought based on experience in relation to public health, happiness, and convenience.

Many benefits would ensue from the adoption of a carefully thought out town plan for Dublin, among which might be mentioned the following:—

1. It would guide housing development on sound lines;
2. It would prevent the formation of new slums;
3. It would assist improvement of transit facilities;
4. It would facilitate manufactures;
5. It would tend towards better proportion in property values.

There is no reason to fear, as some do, that in the adoption of a scheme the city would be committed to any extravagant or unproductive expenditure. The idea is to regulate natural growth, not to force exotic blooms. The suggestions made by Professor Abercrombie and the other competitors for the prize given some years ago by Lord Aberdeen are a good starting point for the formulation of a plan which, conceived and interpreted on broad lines, would form the framework on which, as experience and interest grow, might be based all those improvements and adornments which time would show to be possible.—Yours, etc.,

George E. Beckett.

97 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin,
December 29th, 1921.

U.S. MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSED HEAVY.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Thursday.

Stocks opened irregular, and soon weakened under bear selling of numerous specialities. There was then a rally on buying of Coalers, Sugars, and Equipments. Leading Stocks, however, were mostly quiet, as speculators were hesitating owing to the money situation. The market again declined in the later dealings, owing to pressure against Oils and inactive issues, and closed heavy.

CLOSING PRICES.

Eng. Parity	Stocks.	Closing Bid Prices		Business Done	
		Wed.	Thur.	H.	L.
124½	U.S. New 4% Loan	104¼	104¼	—	—
109⅛	Atch., Top., Santa Fe	92⅛	91¾	—	—
102⅞	Do Preference	85⅛	86	—	—
109⅛	Do. 4% Con Bonds	90⅞	92¼	—	—
41¾	Baltimore & Ohio	35	34⅛	—	—
143⅛	Canadian Pacific	120⅛	120⅛	—	—
65⅛	Chesapke Ohio Com.	55⅞	55¾	—	—
22⅛	Chic., Mil. & St. Paul	18⅛	18⅞	—	—
74⅛	Chicago & N. West	62¼	62¾	—	—
119⅝	Do. Pref.	100	100	—	—
18⅛	Erie 1st Preferred	15⅝	15⅝	—	—
50	Do 4% Gl. Lien Bds.	42	42	—	—
90	Gt Northern Pref.	73	73⅝	—	—
115	Illinois Central	96¼	96⅞	—	—
66¾	Lehigh Valley	56	56½	—	—
128⅜	Louisville & Nashville	108	108	—	—
1⅛	Miss'ri, Kan & Texas	1	1	—	—
60⅛	Do 2nd Mt 4% Gd. B	50¾	50½	—	—
20	Missouri Pacific New	17⅛	16⅞	—	—
10⅛	Nat of Mexico 1st Pf	9*	9*	—	—
3⅛	Do 2nd Pref.	3*	3*	—	—
88⅛	N.Y. Ctl. & Hudson R	74⅛	74⅞	—	—
114⅞	Norfolk & West. Com.	97	96⅛	—	—
92⅞	Northern Pacific Com.	78¼	78	—	—
25	Ontario & Western	21⅞	21	—	—
39⅛	Pennsylvania Shares	33	32⅞	—	—
66	Reading Shares	72¾	72¼	—	—
51¾	Do. 1st Preferred	43⅛	43⅛	—	—
96⅛	Do 4% Mt. Bonds	81¼	81¼	—	—
21⅞	Southern Railway	18¾	18¾	—	—
93⅛	Southern Pacific	79¼	78½	—	—
31⅛	Texas & Pacific	26⅛	26⅞	—	—
149⅛	Union Pacific	125⅛	125¾	—	—
78⅛	Do. Pref.	69⅛	68	—	—
103⅛	Do. 4% Bonds	86⅛	86½	—	—
7⅛	Wabash Common	6⅛	6½	—	—
23⅛	Do Preferred A	20¾	20	—	—
52⅞	Amr. Smlt. Refn. Com	45⅞	43⅞	—	—
58⅛	Anaconda Copper	49⅝	49¼	—	—
15⅛	Brit.-Amer Tob.	12⅞	12⅞	—	—
108⅜	N.Y. Cons. Gas	92	91½	—	—
165⅛	General Electric	139	139¾	—	—
99⅜	U.S. Steel Common	84	83⅞	—	—
136	Do. 1st Preferred	114¾	114¾	—	—
119⅝	Do. 2nd 5% Bonds	99¼	100	—	—
—	Silver, Foreign Mined	65	65	—	—
—	Do. (U.S. mined) Ref.	99⅝	99⅝	—	—
16¾	Inter. M.M. Com. Cts.	14¾	14⅞	—	—
76⅞	Do. Prefd. Certs.	65⅛	64⅞	—	—
59⅛	Royal Dutch Oil	50⅝	50	—	—
45⅞	Shell Transport	38⅛	38⅛	—	—
134⅛	Mexican Petroleum	114⅝	113⅛	—	—
61⅞	Pan-American Pet.	53	52	—	—
11⅛	General Motors	10⅜	9⅞	—	—
63⅛	U.S. Rubber	54⅛	53¼	—	—

* Asked. † Ex div. ‡ Ex Bonus. § Ex rights.

	Wednesday.	Thursday.
Call Money	4½b. 5a.	4½b. 5a.
Ex. on Lond'n, 60 days' sight	4.16.00	4.16.12½
Ex. on Lond'n, Demand Bills	4.19.00	4.19.25
Cable Transfers	4.19.50	4.19.75
Ex on Montreal	4.45.00	4.44.00
Cotton, Middling, Upland	19.05	19.10
Do. New Orleans, Middl'g	17.75	17.75
Cotton Seed Oil, P. Summer, Yellow Spot	8.42	8.10
Cotton Seed Oil, Yellow, Mar.	8.79	8.78
Petroleum, Refined, in cases	18.50	18.50
Do. Standard, White	15.00	15.00
Do. Philadelph, Stan. do.	15.00	15.00
Do. Pennsylvania, Crude	4.00	4.00
Spirits of Turpentine	81.00	82.00
Do. Savannah	74¾	75.00
Resin. Grade K.	4.80	4.80
Do. Grade F.	4.00	4.00
Lard, Prime, Western Steam	9.77½	9.35—45
Do. Midland West	9.40—50	9.67½
Tallow, Special	6⅛	6⅛
Sugar (New Cuban)	3.36	3.36
Corn, Western, No. 2 Mixed	64⅛	65
Wheat, No. 2 Hard Winter	123	126
Do. No. 2 Red. Winter	126	127
Do. No. 2 Mixed Durum	116	117
Coffee, Rio No. 7	9⅛	9⅛
Flour, Spring Clears	4.50—5.25	4.50—5.25
Iron, No. 2 North'n. Foundry	19.00—20	19.00—20
Tin, Straits	33.00	32.75
Zinc, East St. Louis	4.92½	4.92½
Electrolytic Copper, Spot	13⅞—14¼	13⅞—14¼
Do. do. Futures, Sept.	14	14
Freight, Heavy Grain, to U. Kingdom, per quarter	3/6	3/6
Freight, Heavy Grain, to Continent, per quarter	14—15	14—15
Freight, Cotton, to Liverpool (high density)	25	25
Do. Standard (per 100lb)	40	40

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Eng. Equiv	Stocks and Shares.	Closing Price	
		Thur.	—
56⅛	Asbestos Corp. of Canada	50	—
32⅛	Brazilian Traction, L. & P. Co.	28½	—
20⅛	Canadian Car & Foundry Co.	18⅛	—
51¾	Do Preferred	46	—
64⅛	Canada Cement Co.	57	—
14⅞	Canada Steamship Lines Co.	13¼	—
49⅛	Do. Preferred	44	—
28¾	Dominion Steel Corp. Co.	25¼	—
150⅛	Dominion Textile Co.	133	—
157⅛	Lake of the Woods Milling Co.	140	—
81	Laurentide Co.	72	—
99¾	Montreal Lt., Heat, & Po'r Con.	88½	—
208⅛	Ogilvie Flour Mills Co.	185	—
117⅛	Shawinigan Water & Power Co.	104	—
68⅛	Spanish River P'p & P'r Mills	61	—
81⅛	Do. Preferred	72	—
68⅛	Steel Company of Canada	61	—

PRODUCE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Thursday.

WHEAT—Spot market firm, 1c. gain. Bradstreet's report on the visible supply shows an increase of 2,411,000 bushels on the week. Receipts—Atlantic 1,082,000, last year 982,000; clearances 427,000, last year 1,106,000.

CORN—Spot steady, ¼c. up. Exporters engaged 375 boatloads of corn. According to Bradstreet's statement, the visible supply of corn East of the Rockies increased 2,930,000 bushels on the week. Receipts—Atlantic 614,000, last year 91,000; clearances 399,000, last year 55,000.

SUGAR—Spot irregular; Porto Rican, nominal; futures steady, 1 point to 4 points up. January, 1.97; March, 2.09; May, 2.24; July, 2.41. To-day's Cuban sugar sales—70,000 bags at 3.36 and 10,000 bags at 3.48 for January shipment; 10,000 bags at 3.48 for February shipment.

COTTON opened steady, 7 points down to 5 up. Values weakened afterwards under liquidation, news of an Italian failure, and Wall street selling. A rally took place, however, owing to the improved cotton goods trade conditions, the better spot situation, and buying by foreign interests; but the market again declined under bear pressure. The closing was about steady, 1 point higher to 15 points lower. Spot quiet, 5 points higher. New Orleans spot unchanged. Receipts—Atlantic 2,000, Gulf 13,000, Pacific 2,000. Exports—Britain 11,000, Continent 1,000, Japan 3,000. December, unquoted; January, 18.81; February, 18.78; March, 18.75; April, 18.45; May, 18.31; June, 18.05; July, 17.80; August, 17.50; September, 17.20; October, 16.90.

PETROLEUM steady.

KANSAS CITY—Wheat firm, 1½c. up; No. 2 hard winter, 112½.

ST. LOUIS—Wheat steady and unchanged; No. 2 red winter, 122.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat firm at 1½c. gain; No. 1 Northern spring, 131½.

WINNIPEG—Wheat opened easy, ½c. to 1c. lower, but rallied, and closed steady, ½c. to ⅝c. up; December, 108⅜; May, 113¼. Oats firm at ⅛c. gain; May, 46.

CHICAGO, Thursday.

WHEAT opened easy at ⅜c. to 1½c. reduction, and suffered further losses on yesterday's bearish Bureau Report, bearish Liverpool cables, and liquidation, but rallied smartly later on bullish Buenos Ayres cables, an expected bullish Bureau Report to-day, higher interior receipts, adverse South-West crop reports, and support from millers, commission houses, Armour interests, and the bull party. The market closed firm, ½c. to 1⅜c. up. Spot steady. No. 2 hard winter spot, nominal; ditto No. 3, 110½; Dec., 112½; May, 117½; July, 106⅜.

CORN opened steady and unchanged to ⅛c. up, and went higher on an expected bullish Bureau Report, export business, bullish Liverpool cables, shorts covering, commission house buying, and bull support. December afterwards declined on selling by cash houses and liquidation, and the market closed irregular, ⅜c. down to ⅜c. up. Spot No. 2 mixed, 49½; Dec., 48⅛; May, 55⅛; July, 56⅜.

OATS firm, ⅛c. to ⅜c. higher. Dec., 34½; May, 39⅜; July, 40½.

PROVISIONS opened easy, and declined all day on heavy hog arrivals West, lower hog prices, absence of outside demand, unfavourable European advices, liquidation, and packers selling moderately. The market closed easy, with lard 10 to 7½ points lower, pork unaltered, and ribs 12½ to 10 points cheaper. Lard—Jan., 8.67½; March, 8.90; May, 9.10. Pork—Jan., 14.95. Ribs—Jan., 7.90; May, 8.05.

BACON steady and unchanged.

The receipts of hogs at 15 principal Western centres, including Chicago, since November 1 total (amended) 4,712,000, against 4,981,000 the same season last year.

HOGS easy; light 20 and heavy 30 points down.

	Short Rib Sides.		HOGS.			
	Drysalted.	Loose.	Light.		Heavy.	
To-day	7.50	8.50	7.60	7.80	7.10	7.30
Previous day	7.50	8.50	7.80	8.00	7.40	7.60

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGES.

DUBLIN.

MARKED STAGNATION, WITH UNDERLYING STRENGTH. RISES IN WAR FIVES AND "CASHEL" ORD. ON CHEAP MONEY AND RATIFICATION PROSPECTS.

Business was pretty nigh at a standstill on 'Change yesterday, but the assured prospect of cheaper official money, coupled with current easy terms for day-to-day accommodation in London, is still tending to materially enhance the market value of all gilt-edged and reliable securities. The trend of the Funds for some time supports this belief in the early future of the Money market. Outside Government Funds the only point of special interest was supplied by the strength of Great Southern and Western Railway Stock on the improved prospect of the Peace Pact being ratified. Dunlop Rubbers were dull, but closed firm at the close. Quite a number of leading securities were neglected, including Banks, Breweries—outside Guinness Ord.—Steam, Telegraphs, Trading, Oil, Tobacco, and Miscellaneous securities, and merely nominal markets in other directions.

The Funds were well disposed. War Loan 5 p.c. were very strong and rose ⅜ to 92¼, with 92½ bid later. Consols rose ⅛ to 50, Funding Loan 1⅛ to 76½, and Irish Land 3 p.c. ½ to 55½. India Stocks were wanted.

In Breweries, Guinness Ord. fell back to 41⅞, but the Pref. rose ⅛ to 10⅜.

Grand Canal Ord. rose 5s. further to 60s.

Among Home Rails, Great Southern Ord. rose 2 to 52, after a small transaction at 51½; Great Northern Debs. ½ to 67½, and Midland Great Western 4½ p.c. Debs. 1½ to 56, while the Ord. of the latter relapsed 1 to 28, thus losing the previous day's gain.

In Tramways, Dublin United Pref. fell ⅛ to 8⅞ for an odd lot.

Dunlops were scarcely altered. Dunlop Rubber Ord. opened 1½d. to 6s. 7½d., but before the close 6s. 9d. was paid and perhaps bid. Parent Tyre Ord. eased 1½d. to 14s. 4½d. for a broken lot. This price still includes the 1s. 7d. a share, the past year's dividend, which was paid ten days ago by the company. The Def. offered about 26s. 9d. to 27s., without more than 25s. being bid.

In Drapery issues Arnott Pref. rose 1s. 3d. to 62s. 6d., and in Bakery shares Bolands Pref. remain wanted at 5⅛.

Regarding Manufacturing shares, Coats Ord. realised 49s. 9d. The rest of this big group was neglected.

BUSINESS DONE AT ALL SESSIONS.

Consols	(49⅞) 50	Macroom Deb.	51
5% War Ln.	(91⅞) *92¼-¼	G.N. Deb.	(67½) 67⅛
Funding Ln.	(74⅛) 76½	Dublin Trams.	(9) *8⅞
4% War Bonds, 1927	97	Parent Ord.	(14/6) *14/4½
5% do., 1923	101⅛	Dunlops	(6/9) 6/7½ 6/9
5% do., 1928	101⅛	Arnott Pref.	(61/3) *62/6
Guinness	(41½) 41⅞	Coats	(49/10½) 49/9
Do. Pref.	(10⅜) 10⅜	Courtaulds	37/-
Grand Canal	(55/-) 60/-	Vickers tax free Pref.	12/7½
G.S.W. Ord.	(50) *51½-2		
M.G.W. Ord.	(29) 28		
Do. 4½% Deb.	(54½) 56		

*Odd lot.

(Last business done given in parentheses.)

BELFAST.

Belfast Stock Exchange was moderately active. War Loan brought 92½. London County Westminster and Parr's Bank New dealt in at 43s. 4½d. Coats Ord. repeated 49s. 3d. ex-bonus. British-American Tobacco Co. advanced 6d. to 62s. Brunner Mond and Co. 7½ p.c. Pref. were better at 21s. 7½d. Dunlop Rubber dealt in at 6s. 10½d. Anglo-Persian Oil 8 p.c. Pref. brought 23s. 4½d., Mexican Eagles 3⅜, Shell Transport brought 95s. 1½d., De La Rue Debs. 99½, Joshua Hoyle Debs 98¼.

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

The City of Dublin Steam Packet Company have given notice of a special meeting of members of the company to be held at 15 Eden quay, Dublin, on 10th prox., at one o'clock, to consider, and, if thought fit, approve of the proposed introduction into Parliament in the ensuing session of "a bill to provide for the winding-up and dissolution of the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company, and for other purposes."

At any moment now there may be issued the report and accounts of the Dunlop Rubber Company for the year ended August last. It is expected that it will be accompanied by a capital reduction scheme for the purpose of writing-off the "serious depreciation in the stocks of rubber and cotton" that has already been officially intimated by the directors. "We understand," says the *Daily Mail*, "that the amount to which it is proposed to write down the nominal amount of the £1 Ordinary Shares, though it may not go so far as to conform with the present market price of 6/9, will mean a very drastic writing down of the nominal capital."

The recovery in the prices of Russian Government Bonds cannot be said to be due to any outburst of buying. Dealers, however, are alive to the possibilities of speculation developing in these securities, and are marking up prices as a precaution. There are less promising gambles, and that does not say much for the chances of the bonds being re-established on their old basis. Assuming the debt to be recognised, it would probably be many years before interest could be resumed, and then only on a very reduced basis.

It has always seemed to us that when the country is put in the way of recovery—as it must be sooner or later—the railways will be the first to benefit. We do not know what is their condition—probably very bad indeed—but the first work of reconstruction must be in their direction. Prior to 1914 such lines as the Russian South-Eastern and the Moscow-Windau-Rybinsk were dividend-paying concerns, earning substantial sums in advance of their load interest. Assuming large sums are required to put them in order, the money could probably be raised by prior lien bonds, and sufficient revenue be earned in time not only to meet the interest on the new securities, but also the old. Existing bondholders are entitled to have the lines handed over to them, or, at least, to have control, and the revenues derived therefrom. Their position, therefore, should be better than that of a holder of Government Bonds, with no other security than the revenues of the State. Russian South-Eastern Railway 4½ per cent. Bonds are standing at about 10, and Moscow-Windau-Rybinsk at 6.

According to the dividend announcement of Lever Brothers, the interim distribution on the Ordinary Shares is again at the rate of 10 per cent. (actual). Payment of this will absorb £228,000, and a like amount is to be placed to the reserve fund, in comparison with only £4,935 a year ago. The total share distribution absorbs a very large sum. Twelve months ago it required £1,401,872 to meet the dividend on the 7 per cent. Preference Shares, £756,610 that on the 8 per cent. "A" Preference Shares, the 20 per cent. dividend on the Preferred Ordinary Shares took £300,000, the 20 per cent. "B" Preferred Ordinary dividend £37,879, and the 5 per cent. Preferred Ordinary dividend £35,938, while the dividend on the copartnership certificates accounted for £276,854. The company's year ends on December 31, but the accounts are not issued until April. For 1920 a full Ordinary dividend of 20 per cent. was paid, in comparison with 17½ per cent. for the previous year.

The annual meeting of the National Bank will be held at the head office, 13 Old Broad street, London, on Thursday, 26th January, at noon, at which the directors will submit their report and balance sheet for the half-year to the 31st December; pursuant to the deed of settlement, three of the present directors—Sir John Purcell, K.C.B.; Thomas Patrick Morrissey, Esq., J.P.; and Sir William Joshua Goulding, Bart., D.L.—will go out of office by rotation, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. Every proprietor, not being a director, intending to become a candidate, or to propose some other proprietor as a candidate, for the office of director, must, at least fourteen days before the day on which the meeting is to be held, signify, by writing, to be left at the head office, either his intention to become a candidate, or the name and place of abode of the candidate intended to be proposed.

The New South Wales Minister of Agriculture announces that the State Government faces a heavy loss on the last wheat pool, equal to 6d. per bushel. Probably a million sterling is involved, the loss being due to over-payments. The Growers' Stock Exchange closed with a firm tone, though business was not on a large scale.

The London Correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian Commercial* writes in to-day's issue:—"Researches which have been going on in London for some time past point to the strong probability that newspapers will at no great distance of time be printed on paper produced from rubber instead of on paper made from wood-pulp, as now. I learn that the results already derived from the investigations are such that art paper of the kind used in the production of fashion journals and the big illustrated newspapers can be made from rubber. Further experiments are to be made with a view to making newsprint from the same material, and it is on this point, perhaps, that interest in the printing industry will mainly centre."

COMPANY NOTICES.

THE NATIONAL BANK, LIMITED,
13 Old Broad street,
London, E.C.2,
30th December, 1921.

Notice is hereby given that the next Annual General Meeting of the Proprietors of The National Bank, Limited, will be held at the Head Office, No. 13 Old Broad street, London, on Thursday, the 26th January, 1922, at twelve noon of that day, at which meeting the Directors will submit their Report and Balance Sheet for the half-year to the 31st December, 1921, and, pursuant to the Deed of Settlement, three of the present Directors, viz.:—

Sir John Purcell, K.C.B.;
Thomas Patrick Morrissey, Esq., J.P.;
and
The Right Hon. Sir William Joshua Goulding, Bart., D.L.,

will go out of office by rotation, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Notice is also hereby given that every Proprietor, not being a Director, intending to become a Candidate or to propose some other Proprietor as a Candidate for the office of Director, must, at least fourteen days before the day on which the Annual General Meeting is to be held, signify by some writing under his or her hand, to be left at the Head Office aforesaid, No. 13 Old Broad street, London, either his intention to become a Candidate, or the name and place of abode of the Candidate intended to be proposed by him or her.

And pursuant to the requirements of the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908, Auditors will be appointed to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

Mr. Charles Fox, F.C.A.; Mr. David MacDonald, J.P., and Mr. Thomas Geoghegan, F.C.A., the present Auditors, who are eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

By Order of the Court of Directors.
M. J. COOKE, Secretary.

N.B.—The Books for the registration of Transfer Deeds will be closed on Monday, the 9th January, 1922, and will so remain until after Saturday, the [illegible] day of the same month.

CHEERFUL STOCKS.

RAILWAY PRE-ORDINARIES IN DEMAND.

(FROM THE FINANCIAL NEWS OF TO-DAY.)

While there has been no appreciable increase in the volume of business passing in the Stock Markets, sentiment continues very cheerful, and there is no lack of features. The chief of these are more or less accentuations of those outstanding on Wednesday, viz., the strength of Gilt-edged Securities, signs of advancing public interest in Argentine Rails, and indications of broadening activity in Russian Stocks of all descriptions, including Mining and Oil Shares. The market in Home Railway Prior Charge Securities continue to attract a good deal of attention. For some time past there has been a pronounced scarcity of stock. Whatever is available is quickly absorbed, and so far the steady advance in prices day by day has failed to tempt many holders to sell.

LONDON STOCKS IMPROVE.

ACTIVITY IN RUSSO-ASIATICS.

(FROM OUR FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

The Stock markets were fairly cheerful yesterday, and there was an improvement in prices in some departments during the morning. This fell off later, however, and the tendency at the close was towards reaction. Features were the activity in Russo-Asiatics and Lever Bros. British Funds showed substantial gains on the day, in spite of a slight decline at the close. Consols rose ⅛ to 50⅛. The 5 p.c. War Loan was ⅛ higher at 92⅛. The 3½ p.c. put on ⅛ at 91. The Funding Loan rose ⅛ to 76⅛, and Victory Bonds ⅛ to 81½. Irish Land Stock at 52 advanced ¼. India 3½ p.c. fell ¼ to 58¼.

In FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES Argentine 5 p.c. rose a point to 98. French Loans continued firm, and the Fives rose ½ to 42. German Threes were unchanged. Greek Bonds improved 1 to 35½. There was much talk about Italian Bonds, but they were unaltered on the day at 22½. Mexican Fives fell 1 to 60½. Russian Bonds were strong. The 4 p.c. at 9½ and the 5 p.c. at 14½ were each a point higher.

HOME RAILS were lifeless, and the only change at the close was a rise of ½ in North British Def.

"Canpacs" rose 1 to 143 in COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILWAYS. Grand Trunk Debs. at 64½ advanced a point. Argentines, though not so strong as yesterday, were well maintained. "B.A.G.S." rose 1½ to 57½, Pacifics ½ to 36½, and Westerns 1 to 56. Entre Rios were firm, the Ord. being ½ better at 15½, and the Pref. 1½ higher at 42½. Armavir Touapse rose 2 points to 10½, and Argentine Great Western Ord. ½ to 35. Brazil Railway Common rose ½ to 1½. Leopoldina also rose ½ to 25. San Paulo was very firm at 110, being 2 points up. Mexican Rails were dull, and the 8 p.c. Pref. fell 1½ to 34½. Among Americans, Southern Pacific rose 1 to 94, and Union Pacific 1 to 149.

OIL SHARES MARKING TIME.

RUSSIANS IMPROVE.

(FROM THE FINANCIAL NEWS OF TO-DAY.)

Conditions in the Oil Share market yesterday were much the same as those prevailing on the preceding day, business being of an extremely quiet character in the leading issues, which, however, continued to maintain a steady tone, while there was again a little liveliness in Russian descriptions. The latter class were favoured, being influenced by the news that the Soviet Government had requested the resumption of negotiations for the return of the Russo-Asiatic Company's property, which led to hopes that a similar course might be adopted in regard to other Russian oil properties. Best prices were not maintained to the close, but North Caucasians, Ural Caspians, and Spies all finished higher on the day, while some of the Maikop issues, many of which have hardly been mentioned for some time past, became the subject of inquiries. It may be recalled that the Shell-Royal Dutch combine holds a controlling interest in several important Russian companies, including the North Caucasians and Ural Caspian, the cost of which has been entirely written off, so that should there prove to be any ground for the hope of negotiations for the return of the properties the importance to the Shell group will be readily seen. Paris was again doing nothing in its favourites, that centre being reported as stagnant as London, while Amsterdam was inclined to be a small seller of Royal Dutch. Leading shares generally had a steady to firm appearance at the commencement of business, prices being a trifle above the overnight levels, but the improvement was not maintained. Shells, for example, started at 4⅝, but weakened to the overnight level of 4⅜, and Royal Dutch, which in the early hours were as good as 36½, receded to 36, at which a decline of ¼ was recorded. Mexican Eagles, from 3⅝, came back to 3⅜, the result of the day's business being a shrinkage of ⅛; while the Prefs. lost ⅛ at 3⅜. Burmahs made a firm start at 6⅜, but were finally unchanged at 6¼. Anglo-Persian First Prefs. further weakened to 22s. 10½d., and the Second Prefs. to 23s. 10½d. Closing prices:—

BUSINESS DONE.

Anglo-Amer.	4⅛-4⅜-⅛	Maikels Pet.	⅛-⅜
Anglo-Burma	0/9-1/3	Mex. Eagle	3⅜-3⅝-⅛
Anglo-Egyp. B.	1⅛-1⅜-	Do. Pref.	3⅛-⅜-⅛
Anglo-Maikop	⅛-⅜	Nat Pet.	⅛-⅜
An-Per. 8%	22/7½-23/1½-0/3	Nth.Caucasian	⅜-⅝+⅛
do.9% 2ndPf.	22/7½-24/1½-1/3	Oilfields Egypt	3/6-4/0
Anglo-United	1/6-2/6	Oilfields Fin.	3/6-4/0
Apex Trin.	1⅞-2-⅛	Oilfields Eng.	⅜-⅝
Atlan. Oil Syn.	3/0-4/0	Oil Trust	1/1½-1/4½
Brit. Bor. Pet.	⅝-⅞	Phoenix	8/9-9/3
Brit. Burmah	⅜-⅝	Prem. Oil	2/4½-2/10½
Brit. Col. Pet.	⅜-⅝	Peru Synd.	3/0-4/0
Brit. Cont. P.	5/9-6/9	Rum. Con.	7/9-8/9+0/3
Brit. Mtr. Spir.	6/0-7/0	Royal Dutch	35¾-36¼-¼
Burmah	6⅛-6⅜	Scot-Amer.	2/0-2/6+1½
do. 8% Pf.	22/6-23/0	Shell Trans.	4⅛-4⅜
Caltex	2/9-3/3	Do. Pref.	8⅛-8⅜
Chijoles	⅝-1	Spies	5/9-6/3+0/3
Copan Oil	2/6-3/6	St'd. Mex. A.	0/6-0/9
Cyprus Trust	2/0-2/6	Star Develop.	1/1-1/7
Dacia Romano	⅝-⅞	Tampico Pan.	1/0-1/6
Eagle Trans.	4⅜-5	Tank. Pf.	4/9-5/3+1½
English Oilfields	⅛-⅜	Transvaal	⅛-⅜
Gemsah Oil	⅜-⅝	Trin. Cent.	3⅛-3⅜-⅛
Gen. Pet. Trin.	7/3-8/3	Trin. Dom.	3/6-4/0
Hamilton's Oil	2/3-2/6	Trin. Lease	1⅛-1⅜
Havana Oil	1/4½-1/7½	Un. Brit. Trin.	⅛-⅜
Indo Burma	6/6-7/6	Ural Casp.	⅛-⅜+⅛
KernR'(10/).	18/10½-19/4½	Uros Oilfields	4/6-5/0-0/6
Lobitos	4⅛-4⅜	Var Oil	7/9-8/3
Maik. Taman	20/0-21/0		

* xd. † x all.

RUBBER SHARES INACTIVE.

(FROM OUR FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

The Rubber Share Market was idle yesterday, and changes were few. The tone, however, was good. Sungei Salak rose 2s. 9d. to 34s. 4½d. Sungei Bahru at 11s. 3d. was 1s. 3d. better. Straits Rubbers improved 1s. to 18s. 6d., and Kuala Lumpur rose 9d. to 37s. 7½d. Malacca Ord. fell 1s. to 40s. 3d. The price of raw rubber rose to 11½d. per lb. Closing prices:—

Anglo-Dutch	23/10½	Mooply Valley	13/9
Anglo-Java	2/7	Nordanal	12/10½
Anglo-Malay	22/9	N. Hummock	11/4½
Anglo-Sum.	38/9	P.P.K.(C'yl'n)	18/9
Asahan	9/0	Pahang Para	2/3¼
Bah Lias	20/0	Pataling	17/6
Batu Caves	18/3	Pegoh	32/6
Batu Tiga	27/9	Plimoor	17/6
Bertam Consl.	4/0½*	Port Dickson	1/8
B.N.B.R. Trst	6/6	Rub. E. Johore	18/0
Bikam	2/4¼-/0¼	Rub. Es. Krian	1/4½
Brieh	1/3½	Rub. Trust	15/9
Bukit Cloh	3/9	Sablas	10/0
Bukit Mert.	2/7½	Sapong	15/7½
Bukit Rajah	16/6-0/6	Sapumalk'de	17/6
Bukit Semb.	1/7	Seafield	14/0
Castlefield	4/0½	Sedenak	11/3
Chersonese	2/7½	Selaba	16/4½
Cheviot	2/6	Selangor	5/4½
Cicely	4/8¼	Sempah	13/9
Con. Malay	3/7½	Sendayan	21/6+0/6
Damansara	12/9	Sennah	11/9
Eastern Trust	11/6	Seramban	8/5¼
Glenbervie	15/3	Serdang Cent'l	12/7½
Golden Hope	18/6	Sialang	20/0
Grand Central	19/0+0/6	Sing. United	0/10½
Highlands	23/9	Soember Ajoe	1/1¾+/0¾
Inch Kenneth	40/0	Straits Rub.	18/0+1/0
Java Amal.	16/0	Strathmore	10/10½
K'po'-Kuat'n	6/6	Sumatra Cons.	13/6
Kamuning	2/4	Sumatra Para	3/0
Kapar Para	36/3	Sungei Bahru	11/3+1/3
Kasintoo	11/3	Sungei Buaya	20/0
Kepitigalla	7/0	Sungei Choh	16/3
Kepong	4/0+/0½	Sungei Kapar	4/0
Kimanis	8/6	Sungei Kri'nP	26/3-0/6
Kinta Kellas	2/4½	Sungei Salak	34/4½+2/9
Kombok	2/1½	Sungei Way	22/6
Kuala Lump.	37/7½+0/9	Taiping	1/6
Labu	23/9	Tali Ayer	20/0
Lanadron	16/3	Tamiang	18/9
Langkat Sum.	17/6	Tandjong	23/9
Langkon	3/6	Tebrau	26/0
Ledbury	28/7½	Telogoredjo	29/0
Lendu	10/0	Tempeh	0/10¼
Linggi	24/4½	Toorangie	13/0
Lok Kawi	13/0	Tremelbye	12/6
Lon.-Asiatic	3/3	Un. Lankat	16/3
Malacca	40/3-1/0	Un Serdang	2/10
do. Pref.	35/0	Un. SuaB'tong	52/6
do. Deb.	87	Un. Sumatra	2/6
Malayalam	16/0+0/1½	Un. Temiang	2/4½
Manch'ter NB	12/9	Val D'Or	2/0
Membakut	10/3+0/6	Vallambrosa	12/3
Merbau	1/9	Way-Halim	0/11
Merlimau	3/2-0/1	Yam Seng	2/3¾

* Ex-div.

TRAFFICS.

United of Havana, for week ended 25th December, decrease £41,173, aggregate decrease, 25 weeks, £1,106,003; Salvador Railway, for week to December 24, £2,676, decrease £1,608; Antofagasta and Bolivia Railway, for week to December 25, £14,890, decrease £24,440; Delhi Umballa Kalka Railway, for week to December 24, Rs.101,000, decrease Rs.2,227; Havana Central Railroad, for week to December 24, £10,338, decrease £5,037; Central Uruguay Railway, for week to December 24, £26,761, increase £2,109; do. Eastern, for week to December 24, £5,104, decrease £2,360; do. Northern, for week to December 24, £3,442, increase £101; do. Western, for week to December 24, £3,313, decrease £308; Canadian Pacific Railway Co., November net earnings $3,672,000, decrease $401,000.

The Argentine Government has remitted to London one and a quarter million pounds for the service of the Argentine debt.

BETTER INDUSTRIALS.

LEVER ISSUES STRONG.

(FROM THE FINANCIAL NEWS OF TO-DAY.)

Rather more interest was taken in the Miscellaneous and Industrial market yesterday. Brokers reported a few more inquiries coming to hand, though business was still confined to narrow limits. Cheerfulness reigned throughout, however, and price movements generally favoured holders. Interest mainly centred in Lever issues, which exhibited strength, following the declaration of the dividend on the Ordinary Shares, and African and Eastern B Pref. were a firm spot as a result of the placing of a large line of shares which had been overhanging the market. Eastwoods displayed strength on dividend anticipations. Dunlops eased again on revived talk regarding a reorganisation of capital. For the reason mentioned above Lever 7 p.c. and 8 p.c. Pref. both rose 9d. to 17s., while the 20 p.c. Pref.-Ord improved to 9s. 6d., and the Debs to 96½. African and Eastern B Pref. exhibited firmness at 15s. 7½d., after marking 15s. 9d. Elsewhere among miscellaneous trading concerns, Oil Cakes weakened to 22s. Dunlops further eased to 6s. 7½d., but Cements at 13s. 6d. showed no quotable alteration, though the Pref. hardened to 13s. Magadis remained at 11s., Salt Union at 14s., and Borax Def. put on 1/32 to 1½. Eastwoods were a firm market, improving to 9s. 6d., on talk of a good dividend. Amalgamated Press further improved to 6⅛ among Newspaper and Printing concerns. In the Tobacco group, B.A.T. lost 6d. at 61s. 6d., though Imperials put on 3d. to 49s. 3d. The dividend on Imperial Tobacco of Canada had no effect on the quotation, which continued at 18s., while United Tobaccos remained at 5⅛. Marconis and the Pref. still ruled at 1⅛ in the Wireless section, and Cables were quietly firm. Among Nitrates, Salar del Carmen rose ⅛ to 1⅛. On talk regarding the possibility of the French Government coming to the aid of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, in which the company is interested, Pekin Syndicate further rose to 9s. 6d. in the Land section. The Shansi Shares remained at ⅛. Hudson's Bays kept the price at 5⅛, and Forestals at 20s. 3d. Pahangs slipped back to 6s. 3d. P. and O. Def. continued at 300 ex div. in the Shipping list, no bargains being recorded. Cunards remained at 18s. 6d. and Furness Withy at 25s. 3d. Among Iron and Steel issues Vickers were without change, while the Third Pref. of the latter further improved to 12s.

STEELS IRREGULAR.

United Steels and Dorman Longs each put on 3d. to 9s. 9d. and 14s. 9d. ex div., respectively, but Pease and Partners, at 23s. 9d., and Sheffield Steel Products, at 7s. 3d., both fell that much. Cammell Lairds held their ground at 12s., as did also Guest Keen at 29s. 6d., and Ebbw Vales at 12s. 6d. Nobels Pref. improved to ¾ among Ammunition Stocks. Banks showed few alterations. Bank of Australasia put on ⅛ to 11⅛, and National Provincial (£4) ⅛ to 9⅛; while Anglo-South American fell ⅛ to 8⅜. In the Insurance group, Guardian were a good spot at 6⅛, and Phœnix Pelican, at 9⅛, displayed firmness. Textiles exhibited firmness. Courtaulds improved to 37s. 6d., Amalgamated Cottons to 11s. 6d., and Calico Printers to 15s. 9d. Coats, at 50s., ex. div. and b., closed 6d. higher on balance. Fine Spinners and English Sewing Cottons, at 1⅞ and 1⅛, respectively, showed no alteration. Exceptionally, Listers fell 6d. to 16s. 6d. Harrods rose to 26s. among Stores, and the B.A. Def. Shares ⅛ to 3, but the Ord. of the latter remained at 12s. Foodstuffs continued quiet, Maypoles ruling at 6s. 9d. and Van den Berghs at 1⅛. Home and Colonial 15 p.c. Pref., however, improved to 2⅛ on the dividend announcement, but Apollinaris Debs. lost 3 at 24½. Watney Combe put on a point to 43 in Breweries, and the Def. rose 2 to 144½, while Barclay Perkins 10 p.c. Pref. hardened to 4 ex div. Little interest occurred among Caterers. Brazilian Traction recovered to 31½ in the Canadian-American group. Among recent new issues Telephone Manufacturing Income Bonds rose to 3½ dis., and Mersey Power Debs., at 4½ prem., and Llanelly and District Debs., at 1½ prem., showed an improving tendency.

MINING SHARES HARDER.

DISTINCTLY STRONGER TENDENCY IN KAFFIRS. CHARTERED HARDEN ON THE REPORT.

(FROM THE FINANCIAL NEWS OF TO-DAY.)

While little business was expected in the Stock Exchange yesterday, and actual transactions were in accordance with anticipations, yet an air of cheerfulness and optimism pervaded the "House." The political outlook was regarded favourably, and not only were the investment departments quite strong, but speculative securities developed a harder appearance, and among them Mines were prominent. It needed but a modest inquiry for some of the leaders to put a better complexion upon the Kaffir list as a whole, and as Paris was encouraged to lend a little support for its favourites the harder tone was maintained to the close. The Cape was not a factor in the situation, but a rally of 2d. to £4 18s. per oz. in the price of gold helped the forward movement. Dealings were almost entirely of a professional character, and the improvements in prices were not individually important. Central Mining, Rand Mines, the Modders, and other leaders were better and the shrinkages were insignificant. In the Rhodesian department interest centred on Chartered on the expected issue of the report. The shares changed hands fairly freely, but although dealings were conducted with a good deal of caution the trend of the market was upward. The report duly made its appearance, but too late to be thoroughly digested, and the shares closed higher on the day. Other counters in this market were sympathetically affected, and Gaika moved up. At the adjourned meeting it was announced that the two directors whose retirement from the Board had been requisitioned had resigned. Closing prices:—

SOUTH AFRICAN.

Brakpan	1⅛-⅜	Meyer&Charlton	3⅛-⅜
Cent.Mining(£8).	5⅛-⅜+⅛	Modderf'n(10/)	3⅛-⅜+⅛
City Deep	2⅛-⅜+⅛	Modder B(5/)	1⅛-⅜+⅛
Cons.G'fields	13/6-14/6-/4½	Modder D'p(5/-)	1⅛-⅜+⅛
Cons.Langlaagte	⅜-⅝	Modder East	6/6-7/6
Cons M.Reef	8/0-8/6	Nourse Mines	7/6-8/0+0/3
Con.Selec.(10/)	11/9-12/9+0/3	Rand Mines(5/)	2⅛-⅜+⅛
Crown M's(10/)	1⅜-⅝+⅛	Randfontein	14/0-14/6+0/3
E. Rand Mining	⅜-⅝	do. Central	9/3-9/9
E. R. Prop.	4/3-4/6+1½	Robs'n Dp A(1/)	⅜-⅝
Geduld	3⅛-⅜+⅛	Rose Deep	12/3-12/9+0/6
General Mining	2/3-2/9	S.A. Gold T'st	⅛-⅜
Goverm't M's	4⅛-⅜+⅛	Springs Mines	1⅛-⅜
Johannesb'g In.	21/0-1/6	Tr'Cons.L(15/)	13/9-14/9+0/3
Kleinfontein	4/9-5/3	Union C'p(12/6)	14/0-/6
Knight Cent.	4/3-/9	Van Ryn Deep	3⅛-⅜
Knight's	⅛-⅜+⅛	Village Deep	7/9-8/3+0/3
Langlaagte Es.	11/9-12/3+/3	Witw'trs'r'd D'p	7/0-/6

RHODESIAN.

B.S. Af.	11/9-12/0+0/3	R.B'ken Hill(5/)	8/3-/9
Cam & Motor	8/9-9/3	Shamva Mines	1⅛-⅜
Falcon	4/0-4/6	Tanganyika	18/3-19/3+0/3
Gaika Gold	8/9-9/3+0/3	Vic. Falls Or.	9/3-10/3
Globe&P'x(5/)	11/6-12/6	do. Pref.	17/6-18/6
G.F'deRhod(10/)	5/6-6/0	Wankie Coll(10/)	9/0-10/-
Lonely Reef	2⅛-⅜	Zambesia Ex.	9/6-10/0+0/3
Rezende	3-½		

DIAMOND.

DeBeers (£2½)	9⅞-10+⅛	Premier D.(2/6)	4-¼

TIN.

EastPool(5/)	2/9-3/3	Pahang (5/)	5/9-6/9-0/3
Gopeng	1⅞-2⅛	Ropp (4/)	6/0-6/6
Kinta	1⅜-2	Siamese	1⅞-2⅛
Kramat Pulai	1⅛-⅜	Sth. Crofty(5/)	3/0-4/0+0/3
Naragula	⅛-⅜	Tronoh	1⅛-⅜
Nigerian(5/)	1/6-2/6		

WEST AFRICAN.

Ashanti G.(4/)	13/6-14/6	Gold CoastAm.	⅜-⅝
Fanti (8/)	7/3-7/9-0/3	Taquah Explor.	8/6-9/0

AUSTRALIAN.

Amal. Zinc	1⅛-⅜	Golden Horseshoe	⅛-⅜
Brit. BrokenHill	1⅛-⅜	Gt. Boulder(2/)	3/3-3/9
BrokenHillProp	1⅛-⅜-⅛	Nth BrokenHill	1⅛-⅜
B.HillSth.(New)	1⅛-⅜-⅛	Sulphide Ord.	9/6-10/6
B. Hill Block 10	⅛-⅜	Zinc Ord.(10/)	10/6-11/6

COPPER.

Arizona (5/)	⅜-⅝	Mount Lyell	14/9-15/9
Mt. Elliott (£5)	⅞-1⅛	Rio Tinto(£5)	29-8-½
Mount Morgan	⅝-⅞		

RUSSIAN.

Rus.-Asia.Con.	10/3-/9+0/3	Spassky	⅜-⅝

MISCELLANEOUS.

BurmaCor(Rs10)	5/3-/9	Min Cor. of Can.	4/6-5/0
Camp Bird Ord	2/9-3/3	Mysore (10/-)	10/9-11/9-0/3
Chemical & Met	5/0-6/0	Nat'l. Min.(10/p)	1/0-1/6
Esperanza	15/0-16/6-0/6	Oroville	⅛-⅜
Mexico Mines	3⅛-⅜-⅛	Santa Gertrudis	4/9-5/3
Minerals Separ.	6⅜-¾+⅛	Waihi Gold	⅞-1

BUSINESS DONE.

Central Mining—5⅛, ⅛. City Deep—41/10½. Consol. Main Reef—8/2½. Consol. Gold Fields—14/3, 14/-, 1½d., ½d. Consol. Mines Selection—12/3, 9½d., 12/-. Crown Mines—*33/9, 4/4½. East Rand Prop.—4/0½, 3d., 4/4½. Geduld—45/-, 6d., 3½d., 5/-. Government Areas—83/-. Johannesburg Invest.—21/6, 20/9, 1/1½, 20/6, 1/6. Langlaagte—13/3, 1½d. Modderfontein "B" (5/-shares)—28/1½. Modderfontein Deep (5/- shares)—43/4½, 1½d. Modderfontein East—7/-, 6/9. Nourse—7/9. Rand Mines—*38/6, 40/7½, 1/3. Randfontein Estates—14/1½. Randfontein Central—9/-, 7½d., 9d., 1½d., 6d. Rose Deep—12/4½. Springs—35/-, 6/3. Van Ryn Deep—66/6½. Village Deep—7/9½, 8/-.

(*Exceptional amount at special price.)

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

BIRMINGHAM.—Motors again came in for very little attention. Rovers shading off. Standards firm. Parents gained the turn. Dunlops still easy. Austins, 3/-; Belsize, 10/7½; Components, 7/-; S.T.D., 6/10½; Enfields, 27/-; Humbers, 16/3; Napiers, 9/-; Rolls Royce, 19/-; Rovers, 17/-; Singers, 17/-; Swifts, 11/-; Triumphs, 33/6; Dunlops, 6/6; Harper Bean, 1/6; Standards, 25/-.

MANCHESTER.—Some Textiles show further gains. Bleachers, 27/-27/6; do. Pref., 17/-17/6; Calicos, 16/-16/3; do. Pref., 12/9-13/-; Bradford Dyers, 33/3-33/9; do. Pref., 16/3-16/9; Sewing Cottons, 34/-34/6; do. Pref., 16/6-17/-; Fine Spinners, 34/3-34/6; do. Pref., 16/6-16/9; "Slubbers," 4/9-5/3; Coats, 49/6-50/-; Velvets, 22/6-23/6.

INSURANCE SHARES.

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON:—Alliance New, 11⅛; Atlas, 14⅛; City Equitable 8 p.c. Pref., 16/9, 10½d., 7½d., 6d.; English Insurance, 3/9; General Accident, 96/3; Guardian, 6⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛; London and Edinburgh Reinsurance, 1/3; London and Lancashire, 11⅛, ⅛; North British, 49½; Prudential, 8⅛, ⅛, ⅛; Phœnix, 9⅛; Reinsurance, 19/-; Scottish Union, 6⅛, ⅛, ⅛; Traders and General, 11d., 1/-; Victory, 4/3, 3/10½; Western Alliance, 13/6; World Auxiliary, 13/6.

BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL.—Commercial Union, 27⅛, ⅛; Employers' Liability, 78/3½, 9/6; General Accident, 4⅛; London and Lancashire, 11⅛; Phœnix, 9⅛; Do. Norwich Union, 9⅛, ⅛; Royal Insurance, 18⅛, ⅛; Scottish Union, [illegible]; [illegible] Yorkshire, [illegible].

CLOSING PRICES.

The quotations in the following tables were made up at an earlier hour than, and may, therefore, vary to some extent from, those given in our comments.

CONSOLS, ETC.

Consols	50⅛-⅜+⅛	3½% Conv. Loan.	66¼-¾
War Ln3½%	90⅞-1⅛+⅛	5½% Treas. Bs.	99⅛-¾
do. 4½%	83⅝-⅞	Irish Land2¾%	51⅞-2⅛+⅛
do. 5%	92⅞-⅛+⅜	India 3%	51-2
do. 4%	96⅜-⅝	do. 3½%	58-½-¼
Fund'g L'n	76-½+⅜	do. 7%	104⅜-⅝
Victory Bds	81⅜-⅝+⅛		

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Alberta 4½, 1943	80-2	N.S.W5% 1921-3	97-9*
Aust'l. Com5%	101½-2½	do. 6½% 1930-40	102-4
do. 5½%	96-8	Q'sland4, 1940-50	68-70
do. 1922-27	96-8	do. 4½, 1920-5	91-3
Brit. Col 4½, 1941	77-81	do. 6% 1930-40	98-100
Canada 3½, 1930-50	67-9	S. Africa 4Cns.	73-5
do. 4, 1940-60	75-7	do. 4½, 1920-5	93-5
do. 4½ 1920-5	96-8	S.A'stri'n4, '40-60	68-70
Cape 3½ Cons.	66-8	do. 5, 1921-3	99-101
Natal3½, '34	68-70	Victoria4, 1940-60	72-4
N.S.W.4½, 1922-7	91-3	do. 6½% 1923-5	100-2
do. 5½, 1922-7	95-7	W.A'str'n 42-62	68-70
N.Zeal'd 4, '29	87-9	do. 5¾% 1930-40	94-6

HOME RAILS.

Brighton A.	38-9	L&S-W.new3%	92-3
Cald'n. Df. Ord.	6-¼	Metropolitan	26-7
Cent.Lon.Df.	50-3	do. 3% Pref.	68-70
Chat'm. Or.	5⅛-⅜	do. District	21-2
Gt. Cent'l Df.	4-½	Midland Def.	43-4
do. Eastern	26¾-7¼	N.Brit.Def.	9½-10+⅛
do. N. Pref.	43-5	N. East. Con.	71½-2½
do. Def.	23-4	do. 4% Pf.	94-6
do. Western	72-3	Sth.Est. Df.	22-3
Hull&Barns'y	37-9	do. 5% Pref.	61-4
Lancs. & Yks.	40-51	Taff Vale	40-2
L. & N-Westn	69½-70½	UnderElec.	1⅞-2⅛
do. 4% Prf.	94-6	do. In. Bds.	74½-5½
L&S-W.Def.	18-19	do. 6% Dbs.	79-82

AMERICAN RAILS.

Atchison	108-10	Missouri	½-1½
Baltimore	40-2	N.Y. Ontario	24-6
Chesapeake	65-7	Southern	21-3
Chicago Milwau.	21-4	do. Pref.	52-4
Erie	11-13	Southern Pacific	93-5+1
do. Pref	17-19	Union Pacific	148-50+1

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

Can. Pacific	142-4+1	B-Ayres Pac.	36¼-¾+⅛
Grand Trunk	1⅛-¼	B.Ayres&W.	55¾-6¼+1
do. 4% Guar.	64-6*	Cen.Arg'tine	52¼-3¼
do. 1st Pref.	17-19	Cen. Urug'y	39-41
do. 2nd Pref.	8-9	Entre Rios	14½-16½+½
do. 3rdPref.	3½-4½	do. 8p.c. Pf.	41-4+1½
do. 4% Deb.	63-6+1	Leopoldina	24¾-5¾+⅛
Antofa Ord.	41½-2½	Mex. Rails	12½-13½
do. 4½ Deb.	67-9	do. 8p.c. Pf.	33-6-1½
Argen. G. W.	34-6+½	do. 6p.c. Pf.	23-5
Armavir To'ps	9-12+2	MexNat.1stPf	7½-8½
Bahia Blanca	45-7	Mex. 2nd Pf.	3-4
Brazil Rail	1⅛-⅝+⅛	San PauloOr.	109-11+2
B.Ayres Gt.S.	57½-⅜+1⅛	Un. Havana	44-5

FOREIGN BONDS.

Arg'tine, 1886	97-9+1	Jap. 4½pc. 1st	104-6
do. 5p.c., '07	74-7*	do. 4pc., 1905	89-92
Brazil 4pc. '89	49-51	do. 5pc. 1907	78-80
do. Fund. '08	66-8	Mex. 5pc. '99	59-62-1
do. 5pc. 1914	64-6	do. 6pc. 10-y. Treas.	47-51
Chinese 5 '96	87-9	Peruvian Corp.	2-3
do. 4½pc. '98	72-4	do. Pref.	15⅛-16⅛
do. 5pc. 1912	66-8	do. Deb	76-8
Egypt'n Un.	60½-2½	Portuguese 3pc.	22-4
French Loan	41-3+½	Russian 4pc	8-11+1
German 3 p.c.	3-½	do. 5pc., 1906	13-16+1
Greek 5 p.c.	34-7+1	Spanish 4pc.	70-5
Italian Rentes	21-4	U'guay 3½pc.	50½-1½

BANKS.

Agricul. Egypt	4-½	Can. of Com	40-3
A.Sth.Amer.	8⅛-⅝-⅛	Hong Kong	97-9
Aust'lasia (£5)	10⅞-11⅛+⅛	Lloyds	2⅛-⅜
Bank N.S.W.	31-2*	Lon&Brazilian	21-2
do. N.Z'land(£1)	2⅛-⅜	London City	7-⅛
Barclay "A"	6⅛-⅜+⅛	Ln. W'minr.	14⅞-15⅛
Brit.Bk.F.Trade	⅝-1	Nat.Prov (£4p)	9⅛-⅜
Brit.Overseas	4⅞-5⅜	Stand. S.A.	10⅞-11⅛
Chart. of India	15½-16	Union of Aus.	11¾-12¼

TELEGRAPHS.

A.-Amer. Df.	18¼-¾	Marconi Can.	4/0-5/0
Marconi Ord.	1⅝-⅞	Radio Corp.	9/6-10/6
do. Pref.	1⅝-1⅞	do. Pref.	9/6-10/0
do. Marine	20/0-1/0*		

MISCELLANEOUS.

Aboukir Land	1⅛-⅜	J. Brown	10/6-18/6
Aerated Bread	28/9-9/0*	do. (15/p)	11/0-13/0
Allsopp Ord.	43-7	Lagunas	20/0-22/0
do. 5% Pref.	51-4	Lautaro Nit	4½-5⅛
Aliansa	12½-13½	Lever 7% Pf.	16/6-17/6+1/0
Amal. Cotton	11/3-11/9+0/3	do. Debs.	95-8+1
Angela	20/0-8/0	Lipton	18/6-19/6
Anglo-Arg 1st	2⅛-⅛	Liverpool Nit.	2⅛-⅜
Anglo-Chili'n	33/0-5/0	London Nit.	1⅜-⅝
do. Pref.	34/0-6/0	Lyons	2⅞-⅛
Arg'nt.N'n.Ld.	⅝-⅞	Magadi Soda	10/3-11/3
do. South.Ld.	⅝-⅞	Maypole Def.	⅛-⅜
Armstrong	14/6-15/6	Mex. Trams	8-12
A.P.Cement	13/0-13/9	do. Bonds	54-7
do. Pref.	12/6-13/6	do. L.&P.Bs.	58-61
Baldwins	⅞-1*	Mond Nickel	⅞-1⅛
Bass, Rat. Pf.	73-6	Montre'l St. Db.	94-8
B'tholomay Pf.	1-⅛	N'w Tam'gal	1-1⅛
Bleachers	1⅛-⅜*	Nobel Ind.	⅜-⅝
Borax Con.Df.	1⅛-⅜	do. Pref.	[illegible]
Bri.P'd.Cmt.	17/6-19/6	do. Def.	⅜-⅝
B.S.A.	7/3-8/3	Pahang (5s)	⅛-⅜
B.Mot. Tr'dg.	⅛-⅜	Parent Tyre Df.	1⅛-⅜†
B.&A. Meat	19/3-20/3	do. Ord.	⅝-⅞*
Brit. Oil &Ck.	1⅛-⅜	PeaseParins.	23/0-5/0
D.N.B. Land	⅝-⅞	P. & O. Def.	295/-315*
Bradford Dyers	1⅞-⅛	Pekin Syn.	9/0-10/0+0/6
Brit C.& W.Dy.	4/9-5/3	Projectiles(1/)	⅛-⅜
Brazil'n Tract.	31-2+⅛	Royal Mail Or.	82-7
Brit. Col-Elec.	51-5	Rio Negro Lands	⅝-⅞
do. 4½% Dbs.	68-73	Roneo	⅝-1
Brunner Mond	1⅞-⅛	Rolls Royce	⅞-1
B.A. Tobacco	60/0-1/9-0/6	Rosario Nit.	20/0-22/0
Bryant & May	25/0-6/0	Salt Union	⅜-⅝
Calico Printers	15/3-16/3	Salr.del C'men	1⅛-⅜+⅛
Cammell L'd.	11/0-13/0	SanPauloDb.	87-91+1
Cargo Fleet	⅜-⅝	Santa Rita	1-⅛
Cartagena Wat.	⅜-⅝	Santiago	1⅛-⅜
Coats	49/6-50/6*+0/6	Sew. Cotton	1⅜-⅝
Coml.Corp.Lon.	1/3-2/9	Shaw W'ter Bds	113-18*
Courtaulds	36/9-7/9+0/3	Ship Canal	3⅛-⅜+⅛
Court Line	23/6-6/0-0/6	do. Pref.	5⅛-⅜+⅛
Cunard Ord.	17/9-18/9-0/3	Siemens	1-⅛
Dunlop Rub.	6/3-7/3	Smithf'd A.Mt.	5/9-6/9
Dorman Long	14/6-15/6*+0/3	Sth. Af. Brew.	1⅛-⅜
English Elect.	1⅛-⅜	S.Durham St'l.	1⅜-⅝
Fine Spinners	1⅞-⅛	Tarapaca Nit.	11/6-13/0
Forestal	20/0-1/0+0/3	Un. Stm. N.Z.	⅝-⅞*
Furness Withy	24/9-5/9-0/3	United Alkali	⅜-⅝
Gramophone	1⅛-⅜	Un. Prem. Oil & C.	⅛-⅜
Guinness	403-423	United Steel	9/3-10/3+0/3
do. Pref.	101-105	Van Den Berghs	1⅛-1⅜
Harrod's	1⅛-⅜	do. Pref.	4-½
Hudson's Bay Or.	5⅛-⅞*	W'paper Df.	⅛-⅜
Im. Tobac. Or	48/6-9/6-0/3	Weard'le c. p.o.	⅛-⅜

TEA SHARES.

Assam, 53-2½; Darjeeling, 17/7½-1½d.; Dooars, 36/6+5/6; Jokai, 17⅛+⅛.

* Ex div. † Ex rights.

DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among active stocks and shares were "marked" in London yesterday:—

Consols—50⅛, 49⅞, 50⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **3½ p.c. War Loan**—90⅛, 1. **Funding Loan**—76⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 6, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Victory Bonds**—81⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **4½ p.c. War Loan**—83⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **5 p.c. War Loan**—91⅛, 2, 1⅛, 2⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 1⅛, 2⅛, ⅛. **4 p.c. War Loan**—96⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **India 7 p.c. Loan**—104⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Aerated Bread**—28/10½, 9/-, 8/4½, 1½d., x.d. **African and Eastern**—28/9, 7½d., 9/-, 3d., 8/9. **Amalgamated Cotton**—11/1½, 4½d., 2½d., 9d., 4½d. **Anglo-Dutch Rubber**—25/11½, 9d., 6d., 5/7½. **Anglo-Java Rubber**—2/6, 7d., 6d. **Armstrong**—14/10½. **Barclays Bank "A"**—6⅛, *⅛, ⅛; **do. "B"**—46/1½, 4½d., 5/10½, 9d., 6/3, 1½d. **Brit. Amer. Tobacco**—62/-, 1/9, 3d., 4½d., 7½d. **British Dyestuffs Pref.**—6/3; **do. Pref. Ord.**—4/9, 3d. **British Glass Industry**—3/1½. **British Oil and Cake**—22/4½, 3d., 1/10½, 7½d., 2/-. **British Overseas Bank**—98/6. **Broken Hill Prop.**—26/9, 5/-, 4/10½, 5/7½. **Buenos Ayres Western Ord.**—54⅛, 5⅛, 6⅛, 5, 6. **Buenos Ayres Pacific**—36⅛, ⅛, 7, 6. **Burmah Oil**—6⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Canadian Pacific**—142, ⅛. **Central Argentine Ord.**—53, 2⅛, 3⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Chartered**—12/-, 11/4½, 12/0½, 11/9. **Chinese Engineering and Mining** (x.d.)—*75/-, 2/6; **do. Debs.**—91½. **Colombian Mining**—17/10½, 18/-, 17/6, *9d., 10½d., 3d., 18/-, 1½d., 17/4½. **Cook (St. Paul's) Ord.**—13/9, 14/-, 13/6, 10½d., 7½d., 9d.; **do. Part. Pref.**—18/3, 1½d., 4½d. **County Bank**—14⅛, 15, ⅛, ⅛, 14⅛. **Courtaulds**—37/3, 4½d., 6d., 7/-, 6d. **Crosses and Winkworth Pref.**—14/5½, ½d. **Cunard Ord.**—18/1½, 6d., 4½d.; **do. Debs.**—103, 4, 3½, 4. **Dunlop Ord.**—6/7½, 10½d., *4½d., 7½d., 9d.; **do. Debs.**—101⅛, ⅛, 100⅛. **English Oilfields**—6/3, 1½d., 6/-, 5/9, 6/6, 9d., 7/-, 6/3, 9d. **Esperanzas**—16/10½, 15/7½, 16/3, 16/-. **Fine Cotton Spinners**—34/3. **Great Western Rail.**—72⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Harrod's Ord.**—26/1½. **Hudson's Bay Ord.** (x.d.)—5⅛, ⅛. **Imperial Tobacco**—49/3, 1½d., 6d., 4½d., 9/-, 8/6. **Kern River Oil**—19/3, 19/-. **Lever Debs.**—96⅛, *⅛, *7, *6⅛, 6, *7⅛, *6⅛, *⅛. **Linggi Rubber**—23/9. **Lipton Ord.**—19/4½, *18/3. **Lloyds Bank**—51/4½, 1½d., 1/-, 3d. **London, Brighton Def.**—38⅛. **London Joint City Bank**—7⅛, 27 2/-, 7⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **London North-Western Rail.**—70⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 69⅛, 70⅛, ⅛. **Lyons (J.) and Co. Ord.**—58/1½, 8/-, 6/3, 7/6, 8/-; **do. 7 p.c. Pref.**—21/6. **Magadi Soda Ord.**—11/3, 10/9, 11½d. **Marconi Ord.**—33/5½, 9d.; **do. Marine** (x.d.)—20/6. **Maypole Def.**—*6/6, 9d., 10½d., 7½d. **Mexican Eagle Ord.**—*75/-, 6/10½, 7/6, 6/3, 5/7½, 6/10½, *70/7½, 5/7½, 11½d. **Midland Railway Def.**—43⅛, ⅛. **Nat. Prov. Bank (£3½)**—8⅛; **do. (£4)**—9⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Nobel Indus.**—9/6. **Prov. Cinematograph Pref. Ord.**—9/3, 4½d., 6d. **Radio Corp. Common**—9/9; **do. Pref.**—9/6. **Royal Dutch**—36, ⅛, 5⅛, ⅛, 6⅛. **Scottish-American Oil**—2/3, 4½d. **Shell**—94/4½, 5/-, 7½d., *3/1½, 4/4½, 5/3½, *4/4½, 5/7½. **Tanganyika**—*24/-, 10½d., 19/1½. **Tankers Pref.**—5/-, ½d., 1½d. **Trinidad Leaseholds**—31/3, 30/7½. **Trinidad Central Oil**—71/3, 70/-, 3½d. **Underground Elec.**—39/4½. **United Tobacco**—5⅛. **Vickers**—8/9½, *7½d., 9/-, 1½d., 8/11½. **Workman, Clark Debs.**—90⅛, ⅛.

(*Exceptional bargain at special price.)

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

SPICER BROTHERS.—Interim dividend on Ord. Shares to 30th September at rate of 3/- per share.

CLYDESDAL (TRANSVAAL) COLLIERIES.—Dividend of 7½ p.c. (1/6 per share).

GIBBONS (DUDLEY).—Further dividend of 3½ p.c. on Ord., making 7 p.c. for the year, free of tax.

SHANGHAI ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION CO.—Second interim dividend of 6 per cent. actual (12/- per share), less tax, in respect of the year 1921.

HOME AND COLONIAL STORES.—Quarterly dividends on 6 per cent. Pref. Shares, the 15 per cent. Pref. Shares, and the 15 per cent. Ord. Shares.

ST. MARY STEAMSHIP CO.—Profits for year ended August 31st amounted to £1,847, which is applied to depreciation, no dividend being recommended. Last year profits were £27,570, and 12½ per cent. was paid.

LONDON METALS MARKET.

TIN—Market ruled active but easier, with prices about 30/- per ton lower on balance with the close of Wednesday. Cash quoted £170 15/- to £171, three months £172 15/- to £173, settlement price £174. Sales—700 tons, cash done £171 5/- to £171, late February £172 10/-, three months £174 to £173. COPPER in quiet support and slightly easier on balance. Cash quoted £66 2/6 to £66 5/-, three months £67 2/6 to £67 5/-, settlement price £66 5/-. Sales—300 tons, cash at £66 2/6, early March £67, and three months £67 5/-; electros £74 to £75. LEAD easier. Sales—700 tons, January at £24 2/6, February £24 5/-, March £24. SPELTER dull. Sales—100 tons, January at £27 2/6 per ton. TINPLATES quiet; I.C. cokes prompt 20/3, and forward 19/9 per box, f.o.b. Swansea.

STORE CATTLE SALE.

MESSRS. GAVIN LOW, LTD.—Owing to the holiday season there was a small number of cattle offered at yesterday's sale. Prices were somewhat better than for some weeks past, and a complete clearance was effected.

THE MONEY MARKET.

GREAT PRESSURE FOR LOANS.

ITALIAN BANK IN TROUBLE.

(FROM OUR FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

On the Money market great pressure was experienced owing to the preparations for the end of the year, and this resulted in the borrowing from the Bank of a further large amount, with loans for a week at 5½ p.c. Loans until Saturday were quite comfortable, with lenders offering them at 3¼ to 3½ p.c., but money into the new year was badly needed, 4 p.c. to 4½ p.c. being willingly paid. Fixtures as a rule were going on at 3½ p.c. There was next to nothing doing in discounts, because interest was centred wholly in money. Fine three-months' bills were 3½ p.c. steady, and second-hand Treasury bills were 3½ p.c., with very few buyers or sellers about. The news of the banking trouble in Italy was not of any consequence in this market. The bank in question is to have a moratorium, which may, it is hoped, relieve the situation for the time being.

Bank Rate (Discount) changed November 3, 1921					5%
60 days (fine)	3⅛%				
3 months „	3½%	Trade	4½		5%
4 months „	3½%	„	5		5¼%
6 months „	3½%	„	5		5½%
Loans to brokers day-to-day					3⅛%
„ „ for a week			4½		3⅛%
Deposit allowance: Banks, at call					3%
„ „ Discount houses, at call					3%
„ „ „ „ at notice					3¼%

Gold gained 2d. per oz. at 98s. Bar silver was unchanged for spot at 35¼d. per oz., but was ⅛d. up at 35d. for forward delivery.

There was an air of quietude in the foreign exchange market, where the only feature was the weakness of the Italian lire at 99.99¼. This was due to unsettling news concerning the financial position in that country. New York was a heavy seller. Sterling weakened on New York to 4.19¼-4.19¾. French francs cheapened to 52.45-52.50; Belgian to 54.70-54.80. German marks were comparatively steady at 760-770, Holland being 11.42-11.45, and Switzerland 21.47-21.50. There was a reaction in Norway to 26.35-26.40. The following are the closing rates:—

—	December 29.		December 28.		Normal Rate.
Alexandria	97⅛		97⅛		97½pl
Amsterdam	11.42	11.45	11.43	11.44	12.10
B. Ayres	43⅛	43⅝	43⅛	43⅝	47.58
Barcelona	28.05	28.15	27.97	28.00	25.22
Berlin	760	770	760	770	20.40½
Bombay	1/4	1/4⅛	1/3⅞	1/4⅛	1/4
Brussels	54.70	54.80	54.45	54.50	25/22½
Calcutta	1/4	1/4⅛	1/3⅞	1/4⅛	1/4
Christiania	26.30	26.40	26.00	26.05	18.15
Copenhagen	21.15	21.25	20.90	20.95	18.15
Czecho-Slovak	285	300	285	295	—
Finland	210	220	208	218	25.22½
Greece	101.00	102.00	101.00	103.00	25.22½
Hong Kong	2/7½	2/9½	2/7	2/9	†
Hungary	2,400	2,700	2,500	3,000	—
Italy	98⅛	99⅛	96¼	96¾	25.22½
Lisbon	4¼	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛	53⅛d.
Madrid	28.15	28.25	28.05	28.15	25.22½
Mexico	33½		33½		24½d.
Montreal	4.45	4.47	4.45	4.46	4.86
Montevideo	42	42⅛	41½	42⅛	51d.
New York	4.19¼	4.19¾	4.19¾	4.20¼	4.86
Paris	52.45	52.50	51.90	52.00	25.22
Poland	11,000	13,000	10,750	12,000	—
Rio de Janeiro	7⅛d.	7⅛d.	7⅛d.	7⅛d.	16d
Roumania	unquoted.		unquoted.		—
Shanghai	3/6	3/8	3/6	3/8	†
Singapore	2/3⅛d.		2/3⅛d.		2/4
Stockholm	16.75	16.85	16.78	16.82	18.15
Switzerland	21.45	21.55	21.45	21.55	25.22½
Valparaiso	40.40		39.50		13.33
Vienna	9,500	11,500	9,750	11,000	—
Yokohama	2/3⅛	2/3⅛	2/3⅛	2/3½	24.5d.

† Fixed by silver.

The Times quotation of the German mark to-day is 771.

STRONGER BANK POSITION.

RISE OF 2 P.C. IN THE RATIO.

The changes denoted by the Bank return are favourable to the central institution. With a contraction of £150,780 in the active note circulation, and a small addition to the coin and bullion, the reserve of the Bank of England is £153,995 higher at £20,364,114, which total is £6,497,594 bigger than in the corresponding week of last year. A still more satisfactory feature is a rise of 2 p.c. in the ratio of reserve to liabilities, occasioned by a substantial falling off in deposits to 16⅝ p.c., the latter figure comparing with only 7⅛ p.c. a year ago. Extensive liquidation of Government indebtedness to the bank is responsible for a decline of £13,862,643 in Government Securities, while there is also a fall of £2,035,169 in the "other" Securities, and public deposits have been increased by £1,940,954. Altogether the "other" deposits are lower by £17,674,562, and now figure at no more than £106,532,000, which is a drop of £69,022,567 on the year. Currency note circulation has had a further expansion of £1,158,364. Bankers Clearing show a big falling off, viz., £277,829,000 to £483,115,000. The following are the official figures:—

WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 28, 1921.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

Notes Issued	£145,064,880	Govt. Debt	£11,015,100
		Other Securities	7,434,900
		Gold Coin and Bullion	126,614,880
	£145,064,880		£145,064,880

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

Proprietors' Capital	£14,553,000	Government Securities	£36,961,987
Rest	3,334,313	Other Securities	83,164,909
Public deposits	16,057,335	Notes	18,544,635
Other deposits	106,532,000	Gold & Silver Coin	1,819,479
7-day & other Bills	14,362		
	£140,491,010		£140,491,010

Compared with last week:	Increase. £	Decrease. £
Circulation (excluding 7-day and other Bills)	—	150,780
Public Deposits	1,940,954	—
Other Deposits	—	17,674,562
Government Securities	—	13,862,643
Other Securities	—	2,035,169
Bullion	3,215	—
Rest	—	8,600
Reserve	152,200	—

Proportion of Reserve to Liabilities 16⅝% against 14⅝% last week.

The following shows the position of the Bank of England now and during the previous two years:—

	1921.	1920.	1919.
Circulation (excluding 7-day and other Bills)	£ 126,520,245	£ 132,851,150	£ 91,349,990
Public Deposits	16,057,335	14,304,767	19,213,209
Other Deposits	106,532,000	175,554,567	180,637,918
Govt. Securities	36,961,987	107,864,798	92,469,207
Other Securities	83,164,909	86,028,242	106,777,576
Reserve of Notes & Coin	20,364,114	13,866,520	18,442,165
Coin & Bullion	128,434,359	128,267,670	91,342,155
Reserve to Liabilities	16⅝%	7⅛%	9¼%
Bank Rate	5%	7%	6%
Consols	50	44⅛	51
Bar Silver	35⅛d.	43d.	76d.
Clearinghouse Return	£ 483,115,000	£ 523,711,000	£ 509,880,000

IRISH CATTLE EXPORTS.

OBJECTION TO NEW MERSEY RATES.

A discussion took place at the meeting of the Dublin Port and Docks Board yesterday regarding the increased charges for cattle lairage laid down by the Mersey Docks Board. It arose out of a resolution proposed by Mr. Wm. Field, and seconded by Mr. Leonard, that the proposed charges on Irish live stock will constitute a serious burden upon the animal industry and suggesting a reconsideration of the matter.

Mr. Paul moved an amendment—"That owing to the increased tollage imposed on Irish stock, this Board will in future take steps to ensure that the smallest possible numbers of Irish cattle are shipped into the Mersey." He said that there were no more Canadian cattle coming into the Mersey, because the prices had not paid for even the freight from Canada, and the people at Liverpool found themselves in a very awkward position.

Mr. Baird, supporting Mr. Field's motion, said that he took it that the matter would be taken up with the Secretary of the Mersey Board by the Secretary of the Dublin Board, as one Board with another. That struck him as a business-like method of finding out if there was any grievance in the matter.

Mr. Barry said that it was only fair to the Mersey Board to explain that there were no increased charges at the Mersey for the first 48 hours after landing. The Mersey Board said that these were not increased charges, but would prevent undue delay and provide more accommodation for Irish stock at the Mersey. They thought the new charges would bring pressure to bear on owners of Irish stock to clear out their cattle. As a result of the recent detention period Birkenhead had become one of the best markets for Irish stock, and by enforcing the new tolls he (Mr. Barry) thought that the Mersey Board would be spoiling their own market and indirectly spoiling the Irish cattle trade. Therefore he supported Mr. Field's motion, and thought that a letter should be sent to the Mersey Board.

After further discussion,

Mr. Paul withdrew his amendment, and handed it in as a notice of motion for the next meeting, saying that it was possible now for the Irish cattle traders to hold up the whole meat trade of Liverpool.

The Chairman declared Mr. Field's motion unanimously adopted.

PORT CRISIS ENDED.

The English port employers having agreed not to press at present their demand for an extension of the eight-hour day by an hour, the threatened crisis regarding dockers' hours is considered as having been averted. Other details of the employers' application, which have caused less criticism and hostility, are now before the local branches of the men's unions for recommendation to the National Council.

ITALIAN BANKING CRISIS.

MORATORIUM FOR BANCA ITALIANA DI SCONTO.

NO SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT.

A Rome telegram of yesterday's date states that it had been known for several days that the affairs of Branca Italiana di Sconto were in rather a serious position. There were apprehensions that the measures concerted between the Government and the other big banks would not avail to save the situation and so on Wednesday the Government decided upon introducing a partial moratorium so as to help the bank to deal with pressing demands for payment. This morning the bank issued a statement to the effect that it is taking advantage of the moratorium and asking for a stay of payment. The bank adds that, pending the decision of the Courts, all its operations must necessarily be suspended. The police are protecting the bank.

The newspapers state that there is no fear of a suspension of payment by the Banca Italiana di Sconto having any adverse effect on the other big banks, and adds that depositors at other banks showed no signs of uneasiness to-day. It is stated that the Government, besides granting a moratorium, has taken steps to guarantee creditors of the bank and to place it eventually in a more favourable position.

Another Rome telegram states that following the Decree limiting Bourse transactions to cash operations, the Cabinet, which on Wednesday further considered methods of preventing a financial crisis, modified the commercial code permitting banks and other institutions to request and enforce a moratorium should their affairs so demand.

DEVELOPMENT IN NEW YORK.

ITALIAN DISCOUNT COMPANY CLOSES ITS DOORS.

A New York telegram of Thursday's date states that the Italian Discount and Trust Company here, which has deposits amounting to 13,000,000 dollars and is a correspondent of the Banca Italiana di Sconto, of Rome, closed its doors to-day following a run.

A GREAT BANK.

The Banca Italiana di Sconto is the second largest of the five principal Italian banks, the paid up capital being 315,000,000 lire. The bank owes its origin to an amalgamation effected in 1915 between the Societa Bancaria Italiana and the Societa Italiana di Credito Provinciale. The new institution displayed from the outset considerable vitality, and partly through internal growth, partly through purchasing whole or part interests in other banks and establishing subsidiaries, its growth has been very rapid. The central management is located at Rome, and in addition to numerous branches throughout Italy, there are offices in Barcelona, Constantinople, Marseilles, Paris, Santos, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, and Tunis. An autonomous subsidiary, the Italian Discount and Trust Company, operates in New York.

Like many other banks in Italy, the Banca Italiana di Sconto is directly interested in undertakings of an industrial character. During 1920, for example, it took over, in conjunction with the Terni Steel Company, the Quarnaro Naval Yards in the Adriatic, and participated in an increase in capital effected by the Navigazione Libera Triestina, as well as in various coal and sulphur mines and in companies concerned with gas making, textile manufacture and the development of hydro-electric power. The exploitation of Italian Somaliland has also engaged the bank's attention.

SOME FIGURES.

The accounts for the year 1920 reveal an advance in cash from L.232,217,556 to L.477,549,993. Portfolio and Treasury Bonds rose by L.421,290,148 to L.2,455,602,806, while the contango account, at L.361,924,722, showed an advance of 120 million lire. The balances due to correspondents and sundry creditors rose by nearly 1,000 million lire to L.3,648,397,687, against which may be set an increase by 400 million lire to L.1,779,412,697 in sums due from other banks and correspondents. Currency inflation is to some extent responsible for the expansion shown in these figures.

The profits of L.35,740,303 were derived purely from banking business. Four million lire are allotted for the purchase of 30,000 shares in the bank to be distributed amongst the staff. A dividend of L.40 per share of L.500 absorbs L.25,200,000, L.5,000,000 is transferred to reserve (in addition to a like amount already transferred during the year), and L.270,691 is carried forward.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY.

ANNUAL REPORT.

IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS

AFFECTING WHOLE FUTURE OF RHODESIA.

NO MEETING AT PRESENT.

A circular with the report states that owing to the fact that confidential discussions are now proceeding with the Secretary of State, which concern the whole future of Rhodesia and of the company, the directors do not think it advisable to hold a general meeting at present.

The report and accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1920, have now been issued. The Board say that the receipt of the report of the Cave Commission necessitates considerable alterations in the balance sheet, which, for the year ended 31st March, 1920, now appears in a new form. On the debit side the item of creditor balances is reduced from £339,793, the 1918 figure, to £242,192. The figures representing amounts owed by the Southern Rhodesia Administration have been eliminated, and have been deducted from the amounts owed to that Administration in arriving at the figures shown in the credit side of the balance sheet under the heading "Southern Rhodesia, Administrative and Land Account," item—"Debtor balances, less creditor balances," £126,357. In place of the item "Sales of Land and Stands," which stood in the 1918 balance sheet at £799,020, and included the proceeds of sale of Southern Rhodesia land and stands, there now appears the item, "Sales of Land and Stands in Northern Rhodesia and the Bechuanaland Protectorate," £96,693. That is to say, that the proceeds of sale of Southern Rhodesia land and stands have been taken out. They now appear in the item, "Net receipts from land to 31st March, 1918." £1,135,982 on the credit side of the balance sheet under the heading, "Southern Rhodesia—Administrative and Land Account," have been applied in accordance with the report of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, to the re-imbursement *pro tanto* of the company's advances for the administration of Southern Rhodesia. They have, therefore, been taken into account in arriving at the sum of £5,165,715 which appears on the credit side of the balance sheet as the total amount, based on the Cave Award, of the company's claim against the Crown as at 31st March, 1920.

The commercial accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1920, show an excess of revenue over expenditure of £168,898, as compared with £229,490 in the previous year. The difference is partly due to the fact that quit lease and other rents in Southern Rhodesia, which in former years were included as revenue, have been excluded from commercial revenue account in the year ended 31st March, 1920, and have been applied to the reduction of past administrative deficits. No dividend upon the company's shareholding in the Rhodesia Railways Trust Co., Ltd., was received during the year ended 31st March, 1920, whereas £51,607 was received during the previous year.

ENGLISH RAILWAY SMASH.

Colonel Pringle, of the Ministry of Transport, yesterday held an inquiry at Leamside, County Durham, into the accident that occurred there on December 19, when the express train from Aberdeen crashed into the rear of some coaches that were being shunted. The engine of the express rolled down an embankment. Fortunately there were no casualties. Signalman Alfred Saville said that he believed the empty carriages were in the siding. His check time, said Colonel Pringle, showed that they had been standing five minutes. The inquiry concluded.

TORY PARTY'S FUTURE.

Addressing the Central Council of the Ludlow Division of the Shropshire Conservative and Unionist Association yesterday, Lord Windsor, the Conservative candidate, claimed to be allowed an independent mind on all matters which might arise. While holding that the Coalition Government was the only one possible at present, he believed that there was a great future for the Conservative Party. He was adopted unanimously as Conservative candidate in the forthcoming by-election.

UNKNOWN MAN'S FATE.

At an inquest at Carlisle yesterday on the body of a man, minus the head and arms, which was washed up by the flood in the River Eden, the Coroner returned an open verdict. The medical opinion was that the body had probably been in the water several years.

PRODUCE AND FOOD.

CATTLE.

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN (North Circular road), Thursday.—Owing to the limited arrivals of stock by train up to last night, a small market of stock it was assumed would be gathered here this morning; but considerable droves came in by road, even long distance journeys, and the market, under the circumstances, totalled surprisingly large entries, and which, of course, were substantially beyond the more or less holiday gathering of last week. Few buyers of importance were early in evidence, and business opened in a belated manner, scarcely anything being done before 9 o'clock. From thenceforward trade followed a quiet and uncertain routine; still for the nicer qualities of stock prices were firmer, but little change was shown in other classes, rougher descriptions of both cattle and sheep being much in excess of sales practicable. The offtake for shipping was on a moderate scale in view of the New Year's holiday interruption at the other side; there apparently, too, being little encouragement to dealers for markets yonder either in immediate future.

Numbers on Offer.

	This week	as compared with last.		Corresponding weeks of 1920.	1919.
Cattle	4988	increase	2125	3914	—
Sheep	5253	increase	1308	4706	—
Veal calves	8	increase	4	6	—

The beef trade, as above stated, followed a quiet run; practically no business of any note concluded ere eight o'clock rang out. There was rather a paucity of really well-finished cattle, especially stallfeds of the right class. For the choicer lots of grass-fed cattle prices averaged 54/- to 56/- per cwt., and occasional supergrade or stall qualities up to 57/- and 59/- per cwt.; good ordinary heifers and oxen ran from 49/- to 53/- per cwt., and rougher and common descriptions anywhere from 36/- to 47/6 on foot, according to character; latter class of beasts were certainly no better to cash than before, but it will be noticed that for the better types of cattle terms were somewhat on the dearer side. Beef cows of choice quality sold to more advantage also; commoner descriptions as hard as ever to realise, fitting few fleshers' interests. For the nicer quality of young beef cows prices were from 37/6 to 44/- and 45/- per cwt., perhaps a little more for a few fancy specimens; course and ordinary sorts may be reckoned anywhere from 22/6 to 35/- per cwt., according to age and condition, etc.

The nicer quality of hogget wether sheep were apparently scarce, and a tight fit of requirements. For these classes only and hoggets of the lamb class was trade good, and in each prices had a decidedly firmer leaning, and perhaps occasionally ½d. per lb. dearer. Few customers for the rougher descriptions of sheep, ewes especially almost impossible to cash. As in the cattle department, there was a biggish proportion of sheep unplaced. Prime wether mutton made 9½d. to 10½d. and 11d. per lb., perhaps 11½d. for fancy wethers of Cheviot class. At all events, nice class of wethers figured from 82/- to 96/- per head, and a few extra lots of two-year-old wethers here and there were as high as £5 per head. Rough descriptions of mutton might be nominally quoted from 7½d. to 9½d. per lb.; hogget lambs in ready request at from 65/- to 60/- apiece, while a few pens here and there brought 61/- to 62/- each.

Veal calves sold around 7d. to 9d. per lb. and 10d. per lb., according to feeding and class.

DUBLIN DAIRY (North Circular road), Thursday.—Entries on this market were returned at 100 head. Few buyers were in attendance, and sales proved slow. Values, if not actually cheaper, in absence of serious test, were certainly bumping heavily on previous lowest level, few milchers or springers figuring over £36 to £38 or £40 apiece; average more within £28 to £35 each for fresh dairy stockers.

DUBLIN PIG (North Circular road), Thursday.—There were just 636 entrants of swine on market. Good inquiry for choice sizeable and medium bacon and pork hogs at from £4 10/- to £4 15/- and £5 per cwt., a few lots of fancy porkers perhaps a little more; heavy hogs from £4 to £4 7/6 per cwt. on cautious buying. Nice quality sow pigs sold to rather better advantage than of late, averaging 60/- to 75/- per cwt.

BIRMINGHAM, Thursday.—A fair supply of pigs for the season; moderately good demand. Best bacons, 17/- to 17/6 per score, dead weight; cutters, 17/- to 18/-, and sows, 12/- to 13/-.

BRISTOL, Thursday.—With regard to beef and mutton, trade has not re-opened; prices normal. About 100 store cattle sold at about late rates. Pigs, nil. Milch cows, £22 to £32, and up to £48 per head for best beef.

YORK, Thursday.—Only some 250 Irish store cattle on offer, and one pen English. The majority of the Irish were those left over from last market. Market entirely of a holiday character. Some useful cattle made about £28; others, £26, and as low as £12 and £15. Light show of dairy cattle; highest price, £42. Very few sheep on offer; no change in prices.

GLASGOW MARKET REPORT, 28th December, 1921.—Hegarty and Kelly, 275 Duke street, Glasgow, report all classes of bullocks and heifers in sharper demand at higher prices. Bulls and cows also met a better trade. Telegrams: "Hegarty, Glasgow."—(Advt.)

Lever's Palm Nut Cake and Meal. Steel Shelters suitable for Garages, Cart or Cattle Sheds.—Wm. Rourke, 36 North Circular road, Dublin.—(Advt.)

GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES.—BALTIC, Thursday.—WHEAT cargoes inactive and rates declined 6d. to 1/- per qr. These remarks are applicable to parcels. No. 1 Northern Manitoba cargoes January sellers 53/-, No. 2 hard winter January 15th 51/6, Australian January 52/-, Baril (62½lbs.) January-February 47/6. Parcels of No. 1 Northern Manitoba arrived sold 51/6, January 51/9, Baril (62½lbs.) January-February sellers 47/3. A cargo of Rosafe (62½lbs.), half old and half new, 4,100 tons, per Frank Parrish, expected loading, changed hands at 50/6 per 480lbs. MAIZE dull and easier. Plato steamers afloat sellers 33/6, shipment 34/-. Parcels easier; Plate December-January sold 32/- to 31/10½, yellow African December-January 30/6, white flat ditto 30/3 per 480lbs. BARLEY nominal in absence of support. OATS easier; Plate f.a.q. December-January sellers 23/9, January-February 23/6, No. 2 Canadian-Western December-January 27/9 per 320lbs.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.—WHEAT—American advices were disappointing, and, with a sharp decline in the Argentine and free offerings from thence, wheat prices here gave way, especially for speculative positions, but finished slightly over worst point. C.i.f. parcels of No. 1 Manitoba January-February sold at 51/6 to 51/3, No. 3 arrived 47/3, Rosario-Santa Fe 64lbs. ship named 49/-, 62½lbs. January-February 47/6 to Liverpool, and No. 1 Manitoba afloat 52/6, No. 3 15th January 48/-, No. 2 hard winter afloat 51/4½ to 51/6, 15th January 51/6 to Manchester. C.i.f. parcels of River Plate MAIZE afloat sold at 33/6 to 34/-, according to position, and American mixed arrived 30/9 per quarter. Wheat on the spot was quiet, but prices were unchanged owing to scarcity. Maize—Spot parcels of American mixed steady at 7/3 to 7/3½, but yellow River Plate firm and dearer at 7/8 to 7/9 per cental. FLOUR quiet at about late currencies. Graded red wheat futures opened 1d. lower, and further gave way until 2d. to 3d. under last night had been accepted. Then prices recovered slightly, closing steady at 1d. to 2½d. per cental under last night. Yellow River Plate maize options closed ½d. to 1d. per cental dearer.

MANCHESTER, Thursday.—Business restricted owing to holidays. English wheat about 45/- to 46/6 per 504lb., on rails; foreign steady. Indian corn (to arrive), 7/1. Oats dull and unchanged.

BRISTOL, Thursday.—English and foreign wheat in small supply; trade quiet, little being done in consequence of holidays. Grinding barley in better demand, and 1/- dearer. Maize firm, 6d. advance. Oats without material change. Flour unchanged.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.—BACON—There was a fair advance in live hogs at Chicago, but speculative products were irregular, while arrivals of American bacon here were on an increased scale. The market remains more or less of a holiday character, with most selections of American bacon offered freely, though late prices are nominally repeated. HAMS firm for short cut on scarcity of fresh parcels, which are dearer at 117/- to 122/-, but long cuts quiet, and extra skinless easier at 120/- to 125/- per cwt. Shoulders quiet at late rates for New Yorks, with squares and picnics still nominal. Canadian Wiltshires in only moderate request at late prices. Irish and Continental sides in but moderate request and unaltered. LARD on the spot is freely offered owing to recent heavy arrivals and but moderately demanded, though no material change in value can be reported in prime steam or American refined. CHEESE continues quiet without material alteration in value. BUTTER steady for Danish, though other makes quiet, with sellers easy to approach. EGGS easier for Irish, which now offer at 37/- to 39/-, Canadian 24/- to 25/-, States 22/6 to 23/6, Argentine 20/- to 22/-, and Egyptian 11/6 to 12/6 per 120.

PATRICK KEHOE, Ltd., Irish Bacon Curers and Lard Refiners. Importers of American Provisions. (Estd. 100 years.)—103 FRANCIS ST., DUBLIN.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN POTATO, Thursday.—Trade remains slack and limited. Supplies big, but of variable and generally unsuitable quality. Prices average 4/6 to 5/- per cwt.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE, Thursday.—Fair market and good sell up. Cauliflowers, 6/- to 7/- and 8/- per dozen; fair, 3/6 to 4/9; seconds, 1/1 to 2/6; cabbage, 8/- to 11/-, 20/-, and 25/-, extras 30/- per load, York of small class, but many loads of good Savoy; sprouts, 5/6 to 5/9 and 6/3 per float; swedes, 1/1 to 1/4 and 1/6 per cwt.; parsnips, 5/6 to 6/6 and 7/6 ditto; parsley, 6d. to 9d. per tray, and 2/9 per bag; celery, 2/6 to 4/6 and 5/6 per bundle, special a little more; carrots, 1/6 to 1/5 and 2/- per dozen bunches; leeks, 1/3 to 1/9; thyme, 6d. to 10d. per bunch.

DUBLIN FISH, Thursday.—Small market of fish, consisting of some country arrivals, and including only two chests lobsters and 100 packages herrings. Trade good. Best lobsters, 1/6 to 2/3 each; other, 6d. to 1/3 each; large plaice, 8/- to 10/- per 4; others, 6/- to 8/- per 6 and 8; half-boxes plaice, 100/- to 135/-; codfish, 50/- to 95/-; herrings around 35/- per box, and 20/- to 55/- per barrel.

BILLINGSGATE FISH, Thursday.—Supply fair; demand steady. Soles, also slips, 16d. to 18d. per lb.; live eels, 20/- to 35/-; dead, 15/- to 30/- per draft; turbot, also brill, 12/- to 17/-; plaice, 16/- to 19/-; halibut, 18/- to 24/-; lemon soles, 14/- to 18/-; whitches, 10/- to 12/-; cod, 9/- to 12/-; whiting, 6/- to 8/-; gurnet, 5/- to 7/-; hake, 14/- to 15/-; haddock, 11/- to 14/-; bream, 5/- to 6/- per stone.

GRIMSBY FISH, Thursday.—Sixty-eight North Sea trawlers, one liner, and one White Sea boat landed a fair supply; demand moderate. Plaice, 19/-; lemon soles, 24/-; cod, 7/- to 10/-; skate, 3/- to 10/-; hake, 14/-; small haddocks, 6/-; kit, 9/-; gibbed, 10/6; dabs, 14/- to 16/-; codlings, 5/- to 7/-; whitings, 6/6 per stone; soles, 1/8; turbot and brill, 1/6 per lb.

LONDON CENTRAL MEAT, Thursday.—Beef quietly steady—Scotch long sides, 7/4 to 8/-; short, 8/4 to 9/-; Irish, 5/4 to 6/-; Argentine chilled hindquarters, 5/2. Mutton in fair demand; Scotch tegs, 8/- to 8/8; wethers, 7/4 to 8/-; ewes, 4/4 to 6/-; frozen, 3/- to 4/-. Lamb steady—English, 8/- to 8/8; frozen, 3/8 to 5/4.

LONDON POTATO, Thursday.—Arrivals very heavy from all parts, and a slow trade resulted. Quotations:—Best Siltland King Edwards, 10/- to 10/6; British Queens, 8/- to 9/-; Evergoods, 6/- to 7/-; Blackland King Edwards, 8/- to 9/-; Evergoods, 5/6 to 6/6; Scottish King Edwards, 8/- to 9/6, and Arran Chiefs, 6/- to 7/- per cwt.

CORK BUTTER, Thursday.—Centrifugal creamery, 175/- to 165/-; factory, 150/- to 140/- per cwt.

PRODUCE.

LONDON, Thursday.—SUGAR—There was a fair trade in British refined at late decline. Messrs. Tate and Lyle's cubes 51/3 to 52/3, granulated 46/6 to 47/-, castor 48/6 to 49/-. Terminal market moderate, sales in white including March at 16/10½. COFFEE—Spot market steady, unaltered. Futures quiet. TEA—Market remains practically closed. RICE very quiet, and two stars spot quoted 15/-, new crop ditto March-April Hamburg 13/3, c.f.i. Beans flat. Peas neglected. SPICE—Pepper steady, with moderate inquiries; fair black Singapore spot 3½d., Aleppy spot 4d., Tellicherry 4½d., white Singapore spot 7½d., Muntok 7½d., pimento spot 2½d., flake tapioca spot 1½d. per lb. Fair Penang seed pearl spot 16/3. Desiccated Coconut—Fine cut spot 41/-, medium 42/- cwt. JUTE—Market very steady, though quiet, sellers and buyers alike showing certain reserve. Hessians and also twills quoted at previous prices. SHELLAC—Market steady, quiet; T.N. spot 325/- cwt. COPRA quiet and rather featureless. RUBBER steadier, with dealings on a moderate scale; standard crepe and sheet spot sold 11½d. to 11⅛d. and 11½d., January-March 11½d. to 11⅝d., April-June 1/0½; fine hard Para spot 1/2, caucho ball 8d. per lb. OILS—Linseed easier; spot 28/6. Rape—Crude spot 45/-. Cotton—Crude Egyptian spot 37/-. Soya—Oriental in barrels January-February 34/-. Coconut—Ceylon January-February 42/6. Turpentine firm; American spot 63/- cwt. Petroleum and rosin unaltered. OILSEEDS—Linseed flat; Calcutta December-January sellers £17 5/-. Plate ditto £16 5/-, January-February £15. Rapeseed easier; Toria January-February sellers £17 10/-. Cottonseed quiet.

CLYDE CRUSHED SUGAR, Thursday.—Official Report—Demand still slow, and prices tending easier.

MISCELLANEOUS.

BRADFORD WOOL, Thursday.—Although the holiday tone prevails business is by no means stagnant, and values remain very firm. Fine tops are very difficult to buy for reasonable delivery, as topmakers are fully booked up. Sixty-fours finish the year as dear as they were at the commencement, namely, 4/-. Spinners are doing a fair business, chiefly hosiery sorts.

LIVERPOOL COTTON (Closing), Thursday.—American moderate inquiry. Brazilian quotations raised 10 points. East Indian unchanged. Egyptian fair business: December 11.32d., January 11.27d., February 11.24d., March 11.22d., April 11.14d., May 11.10d. Sales 5,000, imports 29,021 bales. Market steady.

MANCHESTER HAY AND STRAW, Thursday.—On the Produce Exchange there was a steady feeling in both hay and straw quotations. Lincolnshire rye grass and clover, £7 15/-; do. Cheshire, best, £7; other descriptions, £6 5/- to £6 15/-, according to quality; best meadow hay, £5; secondary, £4 10/-. Wheat and oat straw, 60/- to 65/- per ton, delivered in Manchester.

LONDON HAY AND STRAW, Thursday.—The demand is maintained, especially for better qualities, and prices steady. Best meadow hay quoted £7 10/- to £8, medium £6, inferior £4 10/- to £5, best clover £8 to £8 5/-, best mixture £7 10/- to £8, best [illegible] straw, trussed, 78/-, oaten and barley 60/- [illegible].

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CO. DUBLIN—130 Acres, within 3 miles of city, Prime Grazing Land, with good House and Out-offices	£7,500
CO. DUBLIN—53 Acres, with excellent House and Out-offices, South side, 3 miles from city.	
CO. MEATH—160 Acres Prime Grazing Farm, with excellent Residence and Out-offices	£8,000
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CO. MONAGHAN—500 Acres of good Grazing or Tillage Land, with good House and Out-offices	£12,000
CO. WICKLOW—65 Acres, with good House and Out-offices	£1,400
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QUEEN'S CO.—30 Irish Acres, with comfortable House and Out-offices	£2,750
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COMPANION desires post; good knowledge of cooking, can superintend it; former experience; excellent references.—"Z 982, Companion," this office. B

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EXPERIENCED Night Porter Wanted. Apply Manager, Wicklow Hotel. E

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WANTED, for city, smart, Handy Man, who thoroughly understands care of poultry and pigs and can milk; to the right person good wages (must live in); send copy reference and wages expected.—C 172, this office. A

WANTED, Groom, used to care of hunters, able school; married man preferred; state wages, send copies.—E. J. Power, Offane House, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford.

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HOUSEKEEPER (Working) required for business house; must understand plain cooking; Protestant. "Z 1026 Housekeeper," this office. B

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VEG. Maid Wanted, for Salthill Hotel. Apply 48 Dawson street.

WANTED, Working Housekeeper, Sewing Maid, and Second Day Boots; must be experienced. Apply St. Andrew's Hotel, Exchequer st. E

WANTED, respectable, Protestant Girl, to assist with housework, poultry and dairy; wages £25.—"Z 966, Girl," this office. A

WORKING Housekeeper Wanted for small house in Dalkey; two in family; good cook and caterer.—Housekeeper, Winnett's, Dalkey. E

WANTED, Betweenmaid, for country place; good needlewoman; good wages. Apply "Z 992, Betweenmaid," this office. D

WANTED, country girl or middleaged person, farmer's place, Swords district.—"Z 981, Domestic," this office.

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WANTED, a Cook and Singlehanded Housemaid where cook housemaid and indoor man servant kept; Protestants preferred; must be experienced servants, accustomed to gentleman's service. Apply, with references and stating wages required, to Mrs. Kirk, 21 University square, Belfast. E

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WANTED immediately, for doctor's house, city, Cook General; also House Parlourmaid; two in family; two sisters or friends preferred; state age, wages, when disengaged.—"Z 970, General," this office. A

WANTED immediately, good Cook General well recommended; £30; two family; Rathmines; copies. C 109, this office. E

WANTED for Oxford, Cook General; R.C. preferred; family three; house parlourmaid kept, daily help; separate bedrooms; no basement, electric light, gas; wages £30 and fare; near church. Interview essential. Mrs. Weaver, Knockeadar, Bray, Ireland. A

WANTED, private hotel, Cook Housekeeper, good plain cook, needlewoman; also Housemaid General (R.C.), must take cook's place one day in week; waitress kept; copies references, age, salary.—P. H., Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown. A

WANTED, capable Cook General, young; small dairy and fowl, house parlourmaid kept; no washing; good wages.—M'Keever, Stickillen, Ardee. A

WANTED, Good Cook; charge small dairy. Please apply, with all particulars and copies, Mrs. Lewis Goodbody, Drayton, Clara, King's County.

WANTED, young Cook General; town; family two.—O 213, this office.

WANTED, for South County Dublin, country girls, sisters, Cook General and House Parlourmaid; latter partly trained will suit.—C 250, this office.

WANTED, a good Cook (Protestant), institution; experience desirable, for Dublin.—C 211, this office.

WANTED, for London flat, excellent Cook General and House Parlourmaid; R.C. Apply, by letter, sending copies of reference, stating age, wages expected, to Quirke, Grosvenor House, Monkstown.

WANTED, first class Cook, R.C., for the country (West); must have long discharges; wages £50. Send full particulars, "Z 1028, Cook," this office. B

WANTED, a first class Cook, capable woman, 35-40 years, well up in soups, entrees, sweets; good wages to suitable person; copies only.—"Z 1027, Cook," this office. T

WANTED, January 1, thoroughly reliable Cook General or superior General; no housework; must be good cook; good wages and outings; no washing; small family. Apply 21 Palmerston Park, one o'clock.

WANTED immediately for gentleman's residence, London, good Cook and Housemaid; good wages; travelling expenses paid. Particulars, Matron, Irish Times Registry. F

WANTED, for a Railway Hotel, country town, experienced Cook; send copies of references, wages expected.—C 273, this office.

GENERALS WANTED.

A YOUNG, experienced General Wanted, Phoenix Park road; no washing; copies discharges.—C 84, this office. F

A GENERAL, age 18-30; Irish doctor's house, London; fare will be paid, but must stay one year; send copies references.—"Z 989, General," this office. B

A YOUNG General Wanted; small family; early riser. 46 Upper Baggot st.

GENERAL Wanted, young and experienced; good cook.—C 160, this office. E

GOOD General required; must be a good plain cook; small family; great help given. Call up to 6 o'clock, 1 Winton road, off Leeson Park. E

GENERAL Wanted, young, good appearance; plain cooking and housework; no washing; must be well recommended; £34, all found.—"Z 1008, General," this office. B

GENERAL Wanted; wages £24; no washing, plain cooking.—29 York road, Rathmines.

GENERAL Maid Wanted; good plain cook, housework; early riser; comfortable home. Apply Matron, Nursing Home, Gorey, Co. Wexford. B

SMART General Wanted at once for Rathgar; good plain cook; must have good references; four in family; nurse kept; good wages. Call after 7 o'clock, 3 Kenilworth road. F

WANTED, General for small family; must be good cook, small washing.—20 York road, Rathmines, after 6 p.m.

WANTED, General, Donnybrook; cook, wash, etc.; family three; send copy last discharge; £25.—C 187, this office. A

WANTED, experienced young General; good cook; good references.—Mrs. Sheil, 17 Corrig avenue, Kingstown.

WANTED, good General; outdoor; wages £20; well recommended.—44 Brighton road, Rathgar.

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WANTED, General; two in family; small washing. Call after 7, 23 York road, Rathmines.

WANTED, young Protestant General, small family.—60 Grosvenor road, Rathmines.

WANTED, young General; must be good plain cook, early riser; small family, no children. Call at 1 Garfield Villas, Garville avenue, Rathgar, between 12 and 2 p.m.

WANTED, trained General. Call, after 5 o'clock, 43 Wellington road. B

YOUNG General Wanted by Mrs. Baker, 22 Palmerston road; good wages and outings to suitable girl. Call, after 7, with references. E

YOUNG General Wanted; plain cooking, small washing; well recommended; good outings. Call after 6 o'clock, 156 Rathgar road.

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS WANTED.

EXPERIENCED young Housemaid Required; good needlewoman; quiet place, country; wages £36; two other maids kept.—"Z 1048, Maid," this office. B

LADY requires smart, active Girl as House Parlourmaid; neighbourhood Ballsbridge; three in family. C 164, this office.

REQUIRED immediately, Daily House Parlourmaid, experienced; good wages. Apply 18 Crosthwaite Park, E., 10-11 morning. E

REQUIRED, for country Hotel, Housemaid Waitress, experienced; send reference (copies) and wages expected.—C 272, this office.

WANTED immediately, young, experienced House Parlourmaid. Write, enclosing copies references, or apply with originals, after 5.30, at 49 Lower Leeson st., Dublin. E

WANTED, for Carlow, a R.C. House Parlourmaid; help given; wages £24; send copies.—"Z 955, Maid," this office. F

WANTED immediately, Housemaid, for country; two kept; wait on nursery, needlewoman; enclose copies discharges, age, wages.—Mrs. Grubb, Castlegrace, Clogheen, Co. Tipperary. F

WANTED immediately, competent House Parlour maid; well recommended; £25; two family; Rathmines; copies.—C 108, this office. E

WANTED, January 5th, House Parlourmaid; one partly trained might suit. Apply, after 7, Comber, Ailesbury Park. A

WANTED at once for Co. Meath, a Parlourmaid (Protestant), where pantry girl is kept; must thoroughly understand her duties and be well recommended. Apply, with copies of references, to "Z 971, Parlourmaid," this office. A

WANTED, near Dublin, House Parlourmaid; Protestant; send copies of discharges, stating age and wages expected.—C 257, this office. B

WANTED at once, good House Parlourmaid, for country place; excellent wages. Apply "Z 991, House Parlourmaid," this office. D

WANTED, Parlourmaid, early January; Housemaid kept; comfortable situation; good outings; Co. Dublin.—"Z 1035, Parlourmaid," this office. F

WANTED, middle January, House Parlourmaid; recommended; country; £26 and laundry.—"Z 1029 Parlourmaid," this office. B

WANTED for South Dublin suburbs, an experienced House Parlourmaid and young House Sewingmaid; good wages to suitable maids.—Box 826, Eason's Advertising Agency, Dublin. F

WANTED, H'maids, Upper, Single; H. P'maids; good wages.—Blackwood's, 41 Lower Mount st.

WANTED, experienced House Parlourmaid, small quiet country house; good wages. Send papers, Mrs. Webb, Kilmore, Nenagh. B

WANTED, Upper or Under Housemaid, required in January; must be well recommended, thoroughly experienced. Apply, with last two copies of discharges, Guinness, Barton Hall, Stillorgan.

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EXPERIENCED Protestant Nurse, or Nursery Governess, Wanted, middle January; country; one child, age 6; state age, qualifications, copies references.—"Z 963, Nurse," this office. A

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REQUIRED, experienced Nursemaid, look after twin boys 3 months old; good references. Apply personally any evening, after 5, 67 Moyne road, Dublin. E

WANTED, Children's Nurse, with experience of infants; quiet country place.—"Z 947, Nurse," this office. E

WANTED, early January, experienced Children's Maid, for child aged four and half years; keep own nursery; country town; send copies references, state wages and particulars.—"Z 965, Maid," this office. A

WANTED, for Dalkey, young Girl to Mind Baby, light Housework; two in family.—C 107, this office. A

WANTED, thoroughly experienced Nurse to take entire charge infant six weeks old. Kindly communicate with the Hon. Mrs. Campbell, Monasterevan. A

WANTED, Co. Dublin, experienced young Nurse, R.C., charge of 3 children.—"Z 1034, Nurse," this office. F

WANTED, Lady Nurse, Protestant, baby eleven months, country; do baby's washing; send particulars, salary.—"Z 987, Nurse," this office. F

WANTED, experienced Nurse for boy 4 months; Monkstown. Apply, stating age, references, etc., K 36, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown.

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DOMESTICS DISENGAGED.

RESPECTABLE Person wishes Daily Work; well recommended.—Reddy, 45 Desmond avenue, Kingstown.

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WORKING Housekeeper or Cook General, disengaged 2nd January.—C 153, this office. A

YOUNG Girl, mind children, do light housework; good references.—C 242, this office.

YOUNG Girl wants light Housework, indoor.—R O 632, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines.

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COOK (First Class), thoroughly experienced in all branches; good manager.—Kennedy, Harbour st., Banagher. F

EXPERIENCED Cook General; good plain cook and make nice bread; disengaged 6th of January; well recommended.—C 228, this office.

GOOD Cook disengaged, take dairy; excellent references.—M., Blackwood's, 41 Lower Mount st.

GOOD Cook, disengaged, wishes to hear of quiet place, small family; suburbs preferred.—C 239, this office.

GOOD Cook General, with between maid; excellent papers; highly recommended.—C 247, this office.

PROTESTANT Cook; good all round, excellent cakes, pastry; with reliable kitchenmaid.—C 150, this office. A

SITUATION Wanted as Cook or Housekeeper, in gentleman's place, or lady; highly recommended.—"Z 1005, Cook," this office. A

THOROUGHLY competent young Cook seeks reengagement; well recommended.—N. M., 32 Holles st.

GENERALS DISENGAGED.

A COUNTRY Girl wants situation as General in Dublin; age 19, R.C.; £20.—"Z 1021, General," this office.

EXPERIENCED, refined, young General wishes situation; small family; 5th January.—C 230, this office.

FIRST class General, good cook; useful, reliable, all round servant. Seen 6 Charlemont place.

GENERAL; plain cooking, small washing; satisfactory papers; highly recommended.—C 216, this office.

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